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Mitterrand:

U.S. entitled to react, but decision is mine

SAINT BRISSON, France, June 27 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has brushed aside adverse U.S. reaction to the nomination of four Communist cabinet members by saying: "The Americans' reaction is their business. The decision is mine".

"I did not bother asking myself whether my decision corresponded to the wishes or demands of such or such a state, and I will not bother asking it," he added. The U.S. State Department said Wednesday: "While we fully recognize and respect the right of the government of France to determine its own composition, it is a fact that the tone and content of our relationship as allies will be affected by the inclusion of Communists in that government."

Mitterrand said Friday Washington might fear "a certain form of contagion" in the appointment of Communists that could spread to other European countries. "I can well understand them, but I would like them to understand me as well as I understand them," he said.

The Socialist president, who earlier visited Dun-les-Places near this town in central France to commemorate the 1944 execution of 27 French hostages by Nazi troops, stressed that France was "a good ally" of the

United States. "We have common interests which are not at the mercy of current events. The Americans are a long way from us and they do not understand our changes," he said.

"People have written that Reagan is cross, so what? Reagan sneezes, so what? I'm not going to jump to attention," the president said. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said Thursday that the U.S. statement was a miscalculation.

On his reason for admitting Communists into the government, President Mitterrand said: "I have defined a policy and I include with me all those who accept it and go as far as to vote for me, or for members of parliament who represent me. Why should I hold them off?"

"That the Communist Party should have goals which are not mine is obvious, but the Communist ministers are not there to put their party's policy into practice," he said, while adding that his government now had all the means necessary to implement his policy.

After three days of Communists joining the Socialist administration in France, party leader Georges Marchais has lashed out at his new partners blaming them for ruining the union of the left which linked the two parties to 1977.

Ali Khamene'i wounded in assassination attempt

TEHRAN, June 27 (Agencies) — Seyyed Ali Khamene'i, a leading Iranian religious leader and aide of Ayatollah Khomeini was wounded in an assassination attempt in a Tehran mosque Saturday, state radio reported.

Hojatolislam Khamene'i, 41, is an influential leader. He strongly attacked missing former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in a speech before prayers Friday. As he addressed Iranians in the mosque Saturday, a taperecorder exploded in front of him.

He was rushed to hospital and underwent immediate surgery. Doctors said three hours after the attack that his life was not in danger. Later he was transferred to a clinic specializing in cardiac problems. The radio said he had received only superficial wounds to the lung and trachea. There was no indication of who carried out the attack, the first on a leading figure since street disturbances erupted earlier this month over the dismissal of Bani-Sadr as armed forces commander-in-chief. Khamene'i is a member of the central committee of the Islamic Republican Party (IRP), which now controls the Iranian government and legislature. He represents Ayatollah Khomeini on Iran's Supreme Defense Council.

He had visited Khomeini Saturday morning, along with armed forces chief, before holding noon (0830 GMT) prayers at the Abouzar Mosque in south-west Tehran, the radio said.

An official at the Abouzar Mosque said nobody else was hurt in the explosion. A revolutionary guard at the scene said only the detonator had exploded and not the bomb itself. The last major violent incident in Iran was four days ago, when a bomb went off in the railway station in the city of Qom, killing six persons and wounding more than 50.

No one claimed responsibility but Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti, IRP leader and Iran's supreme judicial authority, indirectly blamed a guerrilla group which calls itself "Monafeqin" (hypocrites). The group, which played an important part in the revolution against the Shah, propounds a mixture of

Islam and Marxism and has at times expressed support for Bani-Sadr. Bani-Sadr has been in hiding for more than two weeks, after his dismissal as armed forces chief, and has since been sacked as president by Ayatollah Khomeini following an impeachment vote in the parliament.

In a different version of the assassination attempt, Iran's official Pars News Agency said Khamene'i was shot and wounded in the shoulder by an unknown assailant after the noon prayers at the mosque. He was taken to hospital for surgery to remove two bullets from his shoulder, Pars reported. There was no immediate explanation for the differing versions by the state radio and the Pars report.

A man identifying himself as Mashid Haidar, reached at Khamene'i's Tehran residence by telephone from AP office in Beirut, said that Khamene'i was injured in a box blast and not by bullets. The man said one or two others in the mosque were wounded in the explosion.

Saturday's bomb attack confirmed widespread fears here that extremists might resort to such an operation. As a result, Islamic justice is expected to crack down still harder. This week it has already sent at least 50 persons before firing squads for alleged involvement in clashes in the capital last Saturday between supporters and opponents of Bani-Sadr. Even before the bomb blast, security had been stepped up by Iran's para-military security forces, with frequent road checkpoints and house searches in Tehran.

In his speech Friday, Khamene'i refrained from mentioning the ex-president by name but spoke bitterly of "this man who called on the people to resist." Bani-Sadr's removal, he said, had been "a very important and very delicate operation."

Meanwhile, Tehran radio reported two "counterrevolutionaries" were executed at daybreak in the central Iranian city of Isfahan, bringing to 54 the total of deaths before government firing squads in Iran within one week.

Challenges dismissal

Fight tyrants, says Bani-Sadr

LONDON, June 27 (Agencies) — An appeal calling Iranians to resist fundamentalist "tyranny" in their homeland, purporting to come from ousted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, was circulated among Iranians living in Britain Friday night, The Times of London reported Saturday.

It was the first reported statement from Bani-Sadr, believed to be in hiding in Iran, since he was last seen June 12 before he disappeared following his ouster by Ayatollah

Khomeini. The Times quoted Iranian exiles in London as saying the appeal was telephoned abroad Wednesday from "somewhere in Iran." They did not say whether the call was made by Bani-Sadr himself or by aides.

In separate messages to the people of Iran and the country's armed forces, the former president allegedly said he did not recognize the legality of Khomeini's action. "You must continue to resist the imposition of any tyranny on you, whether it be of local origin, or coming from abroad, so that our people will gradually gain faith in themselves and in a better more progressive future," Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying.

The Times said the appeals were circulated as duplicated documents headed "Islamic Revolution," the title of Bani-Sadr's banned newspaper. Iranian authorities in Tehran have claimed the former president is still in Iran. They have issued orders for his arrest.

In the documents circulated in London, Bani-Sadr called himself the elected president of Iran and charged that the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) got its parliamentary majority through ballot-rigging and intimidation of voters. He stressed that he was elected by 11 million Iranians while the IRP's support in the parliamentary elections was not more than a million.

In the purported message to Iran's armed forces, Bani-Sadr was quoted as urging them to defeat Iraq in the 10-month-old war, stressing that in the crisis facing the country, his own problems were not important.

Fahd says in interview

Kingdom's attitude is frank

RIYADH, June 27 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Saturday emphasized that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is an integral part of the Arab nation.

In an interview with the Lebanese rightist newspaper *Bayraq* and released here Saturday, the Crown Prince added that Saudi Arabia has never worked, or thought for once, what would spoil the general Arab interest, or affect adversely on the nation's main issue, Palestine.

Saudi Arabia has not spared any occasion, not even the visit of any king, head of state or eminent world leaders, in which it has not put forward the Arab issues and defended Arab rights to their land, especially the rights of the people of Palestine.

Therefore, he said, "we do not care for the dubious campaigns against the Kingdom's stances on Arab causes, because this nation is aware of the Kingdom's policy and its sound stances. We, however, regret to read or hear any Arab voice trying to raise question marks on the integrity of Saudi Arabia."

The Crown Prince added that "our position on major powers is clear and frank. All these powers with whom we deal with utmost frankness, which sometimes becomes severe and harsh for them, we notice that they are fully convinced that what Saudi Arabia tells them is the reality, even if it is bitter."

"We neither have any fear, nor are we afraid of any matter getting exposed in the future. But any incrimination against the Kingdom is what quite pains us."

"Our relation with other states is based



Crown Prince Fahd

on a clear ground, because we want it to be clear and frank. We do not have secret pacts, and we challenge any country of the world, however great, to come and tell us that there is a secret pact or commitment with us. In fact, we are not in need of any such kind of commitment."

He added that "we have not for once tried to conceal our matters but we believe that, if we can bring to the Arab rank the largest possible number of states, mainly those which wield an international weight, this will be an achievement for the whole

nation. A few years ago, when I visited Germany, I considered Chancellor Schmidt's statement on the right of the Palestine people to an independent state, as a triumph of our cause."

Similar opinion was expressed to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. So, if we can accomplish this with a good approach and understanding of matters, it goes in the interest of the Arabs."

The Crown Prince reiterated that "we hate to maintain bad relations with any country, as we hate to read recriminations against the Kingdom... We hope that what has taken place so far will be a lesson to learn from."

Prince Fahd reaffirmed that the Kingdom's main preoccupation is the restoration of all occupied Arab lands and to return them to their natural position. "I repeat that Saudi Arabia neither has any secret policy nor any commitment with any state which harmed the Arab nation. Maintaining good relations with the countries of the world is desirable, therefore we urge every Arab state to have friends in the East as well as in the West, provided that these contacts are not held at the expense of the nation nor incompatible with its interests. Among the principles that I believe are correct is that if you cannot make someone your friend, try not to make him your enemy, especially in the case of big powers or those which have their international weight."

Prince Fahd said that "Saudi Arabia does not think that under any circumstance

there should be any uncultured rivalry among the Arab leaders or between one Arab country and another.

"This will be in the interest of the nation as also in the interest of the people of Palestine who have adopted the path of struggle. The Arab nation must help them and provide them with all the potentials of steadfastness," he said.

On the possibility of holding an Arab summit conference for a general conciliation among the Arabs, Prince Fahd said "It is one of the basic principles of King Khaled to knock at all doors leading to the unity of the Arab nation, regardless of any harm to Saudi Arabia. He has set this point (of harm) aside and made persistent efforts toward the streamlining of Arab ranks, within a coherent framework so that they can adopt a united and firm stance."

The Crown Prince added that "so far no country has urged an Arab summit, but I would prefer that the summit is not held until the Arab atmosphere becomes dear, realizing the Arabs' comprehensive interest under the umbrella of intensive Arab meetings taking place in advance. Only then can the summit conference have any utility and effectiveness."

About the Gulf Cooperation Council and the reason behind its establishment, Prince Fahd said that the Council was not set up to stand against anyone. Everyone having some doubt will see for himself that the Council was created for the interest of the Arab world and not for any other purpose. All countries are equal within that council;

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\$36b slashed from budget

Reagan triumphs on support of Democrats

WASHINGTON, June 27 (Agencies) — The House of Representatives has endorsed President Ronald Reagan's plans to cut government spending only because 29 Democrats voted for his ideas.

The Democrats have a majority of 277 in the House Friday voted 217 to 211 in favor of Reagan's bill that would slash \$36 billion from the federal budget in the financial year beginning Oct. 1.

The result was almost identical to a key vote Thursday that set procedures for Friday's action.

On both occasions, 29 conservative Democrats ignored the pleas of House Speaker Thomas O'Neill and other Democratic leaders and supported Reagan.

The president, who had telephoned many of the Democrats from California, hailed the vote for his bill as "a major victory in the war against inflation" and praised the political courage of his supporters.

The White House acknowledged that Reagan had promised to make some changes



Bolivian coup attempt fails; two leaders held

LA PAZ, June 27 (AFP) — Bolivian President Luis Garcia Meza has indicated that he is in control throughout his country, announcing the arrest of two leaders of an abortive military coup, state radio and military sources said.

The military sources said rebel army commander Gen. Humberto Cuyoja and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Lucio Anez Rivera were arrested and detained at the Bolivian military headquarters at Miraflores.

A communique published in the newspaper *Presencia* had said that the Bolivian president had been overthrown, and that the army was in control of all of Bolivia. *Presencia* offices, however, were occupied by security men, and remaining copies of the newspaper were seized. The head of Bolivian television said President Garcia Meza has announced that the two arrested officers have been sacked.

Semi-official sources had said that Gen.

Chun fears attack by North Korea

PARIS, June 27 (AFP) — North Korea is preparing to launch a new attack on the South, President Chun Doo Hwan charged in an interview published Saturday with *Figaro* magazine.

"The frequent dispatch of secret agents to the South, the slander campaigns and agitations stirred up with the help of foreign organizations are proof of their persistent intentions," President Chun told the color supplement of the right-wing daily *Le Figaro*. Reunification cannot be achieved by war. But there is in North Korea a leadership planning to unify the country by imposing communism by force of arms. This trickery is the number one obstacle," President Chun said.

To reach a settlement on reunification, President Chun stressed that the two sides should meet for talks and arrange visits between the two leaders. But Pyongyang rejected the proposal, he said.

President Chun, who was elected to a seven-year term earlier this year, said he was confident of his country's long-term economic prospects. "First because political and social stability have been restored. Second because we have been able to overcome the 1974 oil price shock," President Chun told the magazine.



President Garcia Meza

Cuyoja, Gen. Anez Rivera, and former President Alberto Natusch Busch were the leaders of the coup. Early reports said the coup attempt began early Saturday when rebel

in the budget to help those Congressmen who voted for him.

White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters in Los Angeles that Reagan began most of his telephone calls by asking House members: "Is there anything you are interested in that would help us talk about?"

Republicans said cuts must be made to reduce the massive federal deficit that is approaching \$1,000 billion.

Spadolini to present new cabinet list today

ROME, June 27 (AP) — Premier-designate Giovanni Spadolini said Saturday he would present the list of cabinet members in his new five-party coalition government to President Sandro Pertini Sunday. Spadolini, a Republican, bidding to become the first non-Christian Democrat premier in Italy since 1945, got the go-ahead to form Italy's 41st post-war government Friday.

Forces loyal to the president seemed to be in control of the capital at about 1400 GMT, but there was no word about the situation in the country's interior. The radio said that President Meza would hold a press conference soon from the general military headquarters, which had been the command post for the attempted coup.

Previous attempts at overthrowing the president were staged by Lt. Col. Emilio Lanza last May 25, ex-president Natusch Busch last April 20, and Col. Luis Arce Gomez, until then a Garcia Meza associate, March 16.

Bolivia, with its 4.8 million population, is one of America's poorest countries whose main wealth is its tin mines. The population is 55 percent Indian and 33 percent mixed blood.

India rejects China proposal

NEW DELHI, June 27 (Agencies) — India Saturday rejected a Chinese proposal for formalizing the Sino-Indian border on the basis of current territorial control, charging China with occupying 37,500 square kms of Indian land, informed sources said.

But the sources added that Indian Foreign Minister P.V.N. Rao had told visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua that New Delhi was willing to settle the 20-year-old border dispute "with national honor and interest on both sides and on the basis of equality." An Indian Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that the border issue, frozen since the 1962 Sino-Indian war, was discussed Saturday in "all its implications, historical and otherwise." The contested border runs through the Himalayan Aksai Chin and Ladakh areas between the two countries.

However, no specific proposals to resolve the border question were discussed by Huang and Rao at a marathon four-hour session, spokesman J.M. Dixit said. Dixit declined to give any details regarding discussions, saying only that the Indian side had re-stated its "position on the matter."

The spokesman denied that Huang had proposed any sort of Chinese "package deal" for settling the issue. Discussion of the issue is expected to continue Sunday when Prime Minister Indira Gandhi meets Huang in the morning. Huang is also scheduled to meet again with Rao Sunday for a final round of talks.

Saturday's meeting was believed to have also included discussion of United States arms supplies to Pakistan. Developments in Afghanistan and Cambodia were also discussed.

Dixit said as yet there was no proposal for either issuing a protocol or a joint statement.

However, Indira Gandhi was reported as saying in northeastern India that an accord on the disputed frontier between the two can be reached "only after preserving India's interests." In a reference to the 1962 border war when China conquered a strategic corridor connecting Tibet to China's Xinjiang (Sinkiang) province, which it intends to keep, Mrs. Gandhi told a public rally in Patna, Bihar state: "Our land is with them. The issue bristles with sentiments."

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Draft law ready--Sultan

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 27 — A military draft law will be issued early next year, according to Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. The prince made the statement while on a tour of military installations in Tabuk, the Northern Region, Friday.

He told *Al Nadwa* newspaper that the government had carefully studied the proposed law and will make it public in a complete and comprehensive manner. Prince Sultan had announced the possibility of introducing a national service a couple of years ago and urged the Saudi Arabian youths to join the armed forces even before the draft is carried out.

He returned to the Kingdom Thursday from a one-day visit to Jordan where he attended the opening ceremony of a new air force base named after the late King Faisal. King Hussein dedicated the base in the presence of Jordanian armed forces chiefs and watched display of flying, rocketing and strafing.

Jordan's armed forces commander Gen. Sharif Zaid bin Shaker accompanied Prince Sultan to Tabuk and joined him in the tour of installations and meetings with the officers and other personnel. He told the men that they were about to receive a lot more



Prince Sultan

facilities in addition to those they already have. "New resources will be supplied to army, air force and navy," he said. "And there are others which we have not yet announced until they are actually delivered."

The prince called on the men to do their best to defend the country and liberate the occupied Arab lands from Zionist control. He visited the 18th battalion and expressed satisfaction with projects under construction and went on to the training centers for new cadets and the horse club at the King Abdul Aziz military cantonment.

Yamani, Chien agree on closer links

JEDDAH, June 27 (CNA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Dr. Fredrick F. Chien Saturday emphasized the need of directly exchanging news between their two countries "because international news networks have been infiltrated by Zionists and Communists."

Dr. Chien made a call on Dr. Yamani at this office in Jeddah. Also present at the meeting were Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi and other Chinese and Saudi Arabian officials. Dr. Chien expressed his admiration of the media in the Kingdom for presenting accurate and undistorted information which can serve as a means of additional education.

He said it is imperative for institutional cooperation between news organizations of the two countries because the international

news networks which have been infiltrated by the Zionists and Communists, are presenting distorted pictures of the two countries. Dr. Yamani agreed with him, saying that the Zionists and Communists are trying to infiltrate into various systems under cover in cultural, information and other forms.

They touched on matters concerning cooperation between the news agencies and broadcasting systems of the two countries. Dr. Chien repeated an invitation from Dr. James Soong, director-general of the Chinese government information office, for the Saudi Arabian minister to visit the Republic of China. Dr. Yamani expressed his willingness to make the visit.

Dr. Chien is leaving the Kingdom Sunday after chairing a meeting of heads of Chinese organizations in the Middle East which ended Friday.

UPM adds architecture, planning

DHAHRAN, June 27 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals has decided to introduce architecture and town planning departments in view of the development needs of the country, it was announced here Saturday.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the board chaired by Hassan Al Sheikh, minister of higher education. It was also agreed to use the services of the most distinguished graduates of the university in the teaching faculty and the research institute.

attached to it.

Dr. Saleh Abdullah, general secretary of the university, said that the board had also approved the new regulations concerning the employment conditions of teachers and professors from outside the country. He said the board reviewed various services offered to the university by American institutions which include the evaluation of the academic and administrative programs and decided to renew the agreements with them for another year, he said.

Yemen official arrives for talks

JEDDAH, June 27 (SPA) — The deputy education minister of Yemen, Muhammad Garadah, arrived here for talks on scholarships granted the Yemeni students in the Kingdom, and other matters of mutual interest.

There are 967 Yemeni students in the Kingdom's universities and 225 others in Egyptian and Pakistani universities studying at the expense of the Saudi Arabian government.

During the current academic year, 116 Yemeni students were enrolled in universities of Riyadh, King Abdul Aziz in Jeddah, King Faisal in Hasa, and the Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. In Riyadh, they are studying engineering, pharmacology, agriculture and medicine, and agriculture, engineering and medicine in Jeddah. In Hasa, they study agriculture and medicine, and in Dhahran engineering and industrial administration.

RIYADH — Prince Sattam received Saturday SR562,000 in donations to help prisoners pay their debts. He is the chairman of a committee specially set up to receive donations from the public to enable indebted prisoners clear their commitments to their creditors. As the holy month of Ramadan approaches an appeal is made to the public to donate towards this fund set up by the Committee for the Release of Indebted Prisoners.

TAIF (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed and his deputy Prince Saud ibo Abdul Mohsen moved to the Taif office of Makkah Governorate Saturday. The office was the former General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, off Al-Hawiya road.

HASA (SPA) — Hasa Welfare Society has received additional donations and subscriptions which amounted to SR218,000, the society announced Saturday. Among the donors were: Petrola International, SR50,000; Sheikh Muhammad Hamad Al-Mazrou, SR30,000; and anonymous donor, SR20,000; and others ranging from SR20,000 to SR1,000.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will boor the upcoming graduation ceremony of King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah. The ceremony, marking the graduation of 1980-81 and the second semester of 1979-80 students, will be attended by Higher Education Minister and

FROM THE GULF

VIENNA, June 27 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan received at his residence here the Arab ambassadors to Austria Saturday.

The president reviewed with the ambassadors current Arab issues. He also conveyed his greetings to their respective heads of state. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Rashid ibn Ahmad Al Mualla, one of the UAE seven-member supreme council and ruler of Umm Al Qaiwain.

Sheikh Zayed is in Austria on a private visit of several days.

MANAMA, June 27 (SPA) — Bahrain Deputy Ruler Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa conferred with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim Friday. The meeting was attended by Habib Ahmad Qasim, the minister of commerce and agriculture. Dr. Solaim said he reviewed with Sheikh Hamad ways of fostering bilateral relations in the various fields, especially regarding trade. The talks also dealt with the Gulf countries' trend to coordinate their economic, security and political policies, especially after the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

ABU DHABI, June 27 (WAM) — UAE Education and Youth Minister Said Salman left here Saturday morning for Amman on a four-day visit to Jordan. Salman will lead the

UAE delegation to meetings of the Executive Council of Arab Youth and Sports Ministers conference due to start there Sunday and last three days.

The executive council will follow up the implementation of resolutions adopted during the last conference held in Abu Dhabi in March. It will also discuss preparation for a seven-day Arab youth festival scheduled for Aug. 20 in Damascus and special preparations for a scholastic course due to take place in Jordan in 1982.

FUJAIRAH, June 27 (WAM) Sheikh Hamad ibn Muhammad Al-Sharqi, one of the UAE seven-member supreme council and ruler of Fujairah, received Michel Geuens the Belgian ambassador to the UAE Saturday. Later Sheikh Hamad also received Naburo Nakahira the Japanese ambassador to the UAE.

DOHA, June 27 (SPA) — A special committee to study the development of Arab cities opened a three-day meeting here Saturday. It will examine the cities' needs at present and in the future and the problems they are facing, as well as the development of the Arab Cities Organization. The Saudi delegation to the meeting is led by Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim who arrived here Friday evening.

SR300 million projects planned

JEDDAH, June 27 — Jeddah Municipality will start implementing projects totalling SR300 million within the coming few weeks in various parts of the city, according to Al-Madina Saturday.

The projects including two new public parks, the asphaltting of 15 streets, the crea-

tion of central markets, the construction of pedestrian tunnels, a bridge in the Corniche area, the improvement and maintenance of some streets, and the lighting of new areas. A master plan for the overall improvement of Jeddah will start after the month of Ramadan, it said.

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Chancellor of Saudi Arabian Universities Hassan ibn Abdullah Al Sheikh. The students include 730 bachelors' degree graduates and seven masters' degrees.

QATIF (SPA) — The total area of asphalted roads in Taroot and nearby villages reached 580,000 square meters this year, Taroot Mayor Muhammad Mubarak Al-Muslit said Sunday. The asphaltting cost SR38 million he said. Light posts installed in the town this year number 2,600, the mayor said. The municipality also has carried out a water network project and built tanks at a cost of SR6.6 million, he added.

TAIF (SPA) — The Quran Memorization Society of Taif decided to instal vocal laboratories of SR300,000 to improve the citation standards of the society's students, it was reported Sunday. Sheikh Abdul Rahim Mahboub, the society chairman, said that an advanced institute for training on memorizing the holy book is planned by the society.

AMMAN (SPA) — The Kingdom is participating in a conference for telephone, telegraph and telex tariffs among Arab countries which began here Sunday. The two-day conference is organized under the resolutions of the 12th conference of Arab Telecommunications Union, held in Baghdad last year. Other members taking part represent Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Algeria, Iraq, Tunisia and Oman.

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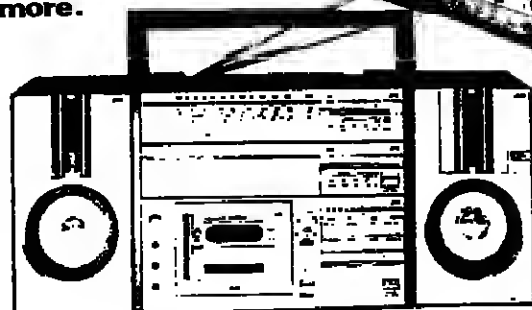
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Guard body visits students in U.S.

RIYADH, June 27 (SPA) — A special committee, formed by the National Guard, has returned here from a tour of the United States and Canada to study conditions of students sent there on scholarship by the National Guard.

Muhammad ibn Osman Al-Rakban, National Guard administration director general and the committee's president, said

Saturday that the results reached by the committee were "good and encouraging." He added that the students' standard was excellent and "they should be provided with the appropriate atmosphere to continue their schooling and complete their studies without any obstacles."

Rakban said that the committee visited the students in areas of their residence in various

states of the U.S. and Canada. "Such visits serve as incentives to the students studying abroad and at the same time remind them that there is someone caring for them and looking after them. That makes them work harder in their study," he said.

Expressing hope that such a tour would achieve its aim, Rakban called on other government departments to adopt the system which had proved effective.

Chase hosts Middle East seminar

LONDON, June 27 — The Chase Manhattan Bank hosted a symposium for Middle East banking executives in London earlier this month to discuss the growing interdependence of financial institutions around the world, according to a statement by the bank.

Delegates attending the conference included prominent members of the Saudi Arabian banking community: M. Hamid Ali, deputy general manager of the Bank Al Jazira; William Cozjensen, director and Western area manager of the Al Bank Al Saudi Al Hollandi; Bahgat Saad Khalil, managing director of the Saudi Cairo Bank, and W.M.A. King, senior manager, Financial Operations of the Saudi British Bank.

Richard Higginson, Chase's executive vice president for institutional banking and finan-

cial services, who led the Chase team to the symposium said: "We felt it particularly appropriate to address banking colleagues in the Middle East at this time in view of their rapidly growing influence in the international financial community. Their growing share of the Eurocurrency market, the expansion of their branch networks in major money centers around the world, and their position as lead and co-managers of new financing alternatives are just some areas which have assured them a significant role in the globalization of world banking practices."

Among the topics covered at the symposium were: banking business management in the 1980s, managerial and professional development, the banking technology revolution, and asset and liability management in an uncertain economic environment.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Abu Bakr Basalamah
Al Bilad

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, director general of religious guidance, has recently made an announcement about the donation of King Khaled and members of the royal family to help those Saudi Arabian young men who are unable to bear the expenses of marriage. Every native young man desiring to marry will be given SR25,000 according to terms and conditions set by religious scholars and announced by Sheikh Abdul Aziz.

It is, indeed, a great step and deserves every commendation, since its impact is expected to be both positive and far-reaching upon the society. We express our gratitude for such efforts and pray to God to bless all those who either donated or helped in bringing this idea to success. On this occasion, we would wish to see our merchants and others follow suit and to make liberal donations for this humane project.

We would also suggest that a fund created for this purpose and all donations pooled in this fund to help the poor youth desirous of getting married on sound terms stipulated by the ulema. In this way, the poorer class of the native youth will be able to enter into the life of matrimony, protecting himself from the vices of forbidden matters. Besides, the system will ensure a brilliant success for our social responsibility within the framework of the Islamic society.

With all our best wishes for the success of this laudable step, we hope that our proposal will be taken into consideration so that a larger number of deserving young men benefit from this scheme.

Moon sighting

TAIF, June 27 (SPA) — The Supreme Council of Jurisprudence has asked all Muslims in the Kingdom to watch for the appearance of the new moon on Ramadan's eve, either on Thursday or Friday. The appearance of the new moon will decide the commencement of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

The Council said that anyone who sights the new moon should advise the nearest court.

Bank extends SR13 million for agriculture

HASA, June 27 (SPA) — Loans granted by the Agricultural Bank Eastern Province branches in Qatif, Hafir el Butin and Hofuf during the month of May amounted to SR13.3 million, it was reported Sunday.

Hofuf office Director Ahmad Al-Hussein said that these branches issued 189 loans for agricultural and development and animal husbandry. The loans covered supplies of agricultural machinery, water pumps, fishing boats, poultry farms, chemical fertilizers and workers' wages, he said.

Of the total, 182 loans were granted to farmers, four to fishermen, one for a poultry farm. In addition to cash transactions for purchasing an irrigation machine and chicken and cattle fadders.

Bisharah visits Oman

MUSCAT, June 27 (SPA) — The deputy premier for defense and security, Fahr ibn Taimor met here Saturday with Abdullah Bisharah, the secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council-GCC- who is on a tour of the region.

Bisharah also met with the deputy foreign minister Yusuf Al Alawi and the deputy minister of commerce and industry Ali Dawood.

Khaled greets Hassan Gouled

TAIF, June 27 (SPA) — King Khaled sent a congratulatory message to President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti on the occasion of his country's independence anniversary. The King expressed his greetings and wished President Gouled good health and happiness, and progress and prosperity to the people.


The King also received at royal palace here Saturday well-wishers who went to greet him.

OIC supports EEC conference

JEDDAH, June 27 (SPA) — The Organization of Islamic Conference supported a proposal by the European Economic Community to hold a conference on Afghanistan in an attempt to find a peaceful solution.

Speaking on the subject OIC General Secretary Habib Chaty said here Saturday that he had discussed this and other topics with the French foreign ministers. He was in Paris recently to attend a meeting of the Jerusalem-France committee in which many prominent Frenchmen participated to highlight the annexation of the city by Israel.

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On Sahara

Algeria hails Morocco's offer

NAIROBI, June 27 (Agencies) — An end to the long struggle in Western Sahara appeared in sight as Algeria welcomed a proposal by King Hassan of Morocco for a referendum on the future of the former Spanish colony.

King Hassan told the summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) that there should be a referendum under international control — a proposal first put forward by the OAU. "We have decided to prepare a controlled referendum procedure, which will comply with recommendations by the OAU Committee on Western Sahara," the king said.

Algerian President Chedli Benjedid, whose neighboring country had long backed the Polisario fighters in their struggle for an independent Western Sahara, took the floor to reply and called King Hassan's proposal "a step forward in the search for peace." Algeria was fully prepared to contribute to a lasting settlement of the conflict, he said.

The Algerian president called on Morocco to withdraw its troops from Western Sahara and agree to an immediate general ceasefire in the territory. Benjedid said that Algeria and Morocco should agree to the creation of a special commission to supervise the referendum in consultation with the United Nations on the basis of one man one vote.

The OAU Saturday announced the formation of a nine-member committee to imple-

ment the Moroccan monarch's plan. It will consist of Sudan, Tanzania, Mali, Guinea and Nigeria — the countries which drafted the OAU's referendum proposal two years ago — plus Kenya, Mauritania, Morocco and Algeria.

Delegates at the summit said Algeria's unexpectedly warm response to the king's proposal appeared to open the way to a reconciliation between Algeria and Morocco which have been at loggerheads for almost a decade. The king's proposal was also warmly welcomed by the President of Mozambique, which often shares Algeria's views on international affairs.

Delegates meanwhile said that another reconciliation in northwest Africa may be in the making between Morocco and Mauritania in spite of a row at the summit Friday, when King Hassan led his delegation out of the chamber while Mauritanian President Muhammad Ould Haidalla complained of "flagrant interference" in his country's affairs. Mauritania severed diplomatic ties with Rabat this year, alleging that an attempted coup against President Haidalla was masterminded by the Moroccans.

Haidalla pledged Friday night to "forget and forgive our dispute with Morocco as a contribution by my country to strengthen peace in the region following the king's initiative."

The Sudanese president Jafer Numeiri

accepted the referendum offer at face value and Madagascar also welcomed the proposal. Madagascar, which is one of the 26-strong majority of OAU states recognizing the Polisario-proclaimed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), called for complete withdrawal of the Moroccan army and administration. The referendum in the sparsely-populated desert territory should be held within three months it added.

'Sadat forcing dissolution of lawyers' body

CAIRO, June 27 (Agencies) — The head of the Egyptian Bar Association has said the ruling National Democratic Party was attempting to dissolve the association's council because of its opposition to the peace treaty with Israel. Ahmad Khawaga told a press conference that some 200 persons broke the gate of the Bar Association Friday and distributed a statement which they said was in the name of Egyptian lawyers demanding the dissolution of the association's council.

He said most of the demonstrators were not lawyers. The statement also supported President Anwar Sadat's peace efforts. Khawaga said the present council was elected in December, 1979, nine months after the peace treaty with Israel was signed.

"This shows that an overwhelming majority of the Egyptian lawyers oppose the peace treaty and Camp David accords," Khawaga said. He said the ruling party had organized the demonstration and issued the statement.

Britain bares new initiative on Afghanistan

LONDON, June 27 (AP) — Britain expects its nine European community partners Monday to endorse new ideas for a political solution in Afghanistan that will permit a Soviet military withdrawal. Government officials, reporting this Friday, said the Soviet Union already has indicated readiness to listen to the British ideas conveyed informally to Moscow this week.

The British initiative, said to have U.S. support, foresees a two-stage peace conference along the following lines:

— In the first stage, all Afghanistan's neighboring countries, — plus the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, would discuss ways of ending foreign interference in that country's affairs.

— In the second stage, Afghanistan would join the talks which would focus on negotiating international arrangements to guarantee its neutral and nonaligned status.

The British ideas, according to aides of Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, resemble objectives recently set forth by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in a speech at Tbilisi.

Authorized British officials reported Ambassador Sir Curtis Keeble presented the ideas to a Soviet deputy foreign minister (Korzenko) Tuesday. That was an informal sounding that led Carrington to the view that Moscow is ready to hear more and perhaps to accept the arrangement. If the Soviets show interest, they said, Carrington is ready to fly to Moscow to elaborate upon the plan.

Iraqi-Soviet ties set for improvement

By Qassem Samawi
Arab News Correspondent

BAGHDAD, June 27 — A new phase has been opened in relations between Iraq and the Soviet Union following a surprise visit to Moscow by the Iraqi Vice Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Ramadan who visited Russia following the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear research center near here June 7 said that "the detailed talks we held with the Soviet Prime Minister Tikhonov achieved results on all the topics discussed. While we wished to achieve more, the fact remains that a step forward has been taken, one which has opened the possibility of further steps."

The Iraqi vice premier said that Iraq and the Soviet Union are bound by their treaty of friendship and cooperation — and that this has not prevented divergence of views on some issues. "Relations between the two countries," he said, "stagnated somewhat recently," but he emphasized that that was not because of the war between Iraq and Iran. He added, "For our part, we overreacted in a way which might aggravate the situation."

The move to retain friendly relations with



Vice Premier Yassin Ramadan

Iraq, Ramadan said, came from the Soviet Union. It was expressed, he said, in the congratulatory telegram sent by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, on occasion of Baath Party Day

April 7. This was followed by a visit to Baghdad by a delegation from the president of the Supreme Soviet. "My visit came as a response," Ramadan added.

On future cooperation with France in the field of nuclear energy, Ramadan told Arab News that Iraq was never worried by the change of administration in France. "We always dealt with France on a quid pro quo basis. If France wants to change the existing situation, then we will change it also," he added. "We believe that the development of the relations between us and France is advantageous to France. Our cooperation made France into the gateway to Europe and gave it a major role in the Middle East. If the new French administration wants to change this then its loss will not be merely economic but political. As for Iraq, it will always have other options before it."

He said that Iraq of course welcomes cooperation with France on nuclear as well as other matters, and that Iraq has never dealt with persons or regimes but with France herself, and that this is the principle in dealing with the new French regime. Any slowness in the development of Iraqi-French relations will not be caused by Iraq.

Egypt sends army experts to Sudan

CAIRO, June 27 (Agencies) — Egypt has dispatched an unspecified number of military advisers to Sudan as its southern ally's relations with Libya took a turn for the worse Friday, the Associated Press learned.

Reliable Egyptian military sources said the group had been sent a couple of days ago when signs of tension between Sudan and Libya increased. Egypt and Sudan have a joint defense pact and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has pledged his army's support to Sudan "from the very first moment" of a possible clash with Libya.

A small group of advisers has been stationed on and off in Sudan since the Libyan intervention in Chad six months ago, Chad is Sudan's neighbor to the west and is located south of Libya. A spokesman for the Egyptian Defense Ministry confirmed Egypt

maintained military advisers in Sudan, but declined comment when pressed on whether an additional group had been dispatched.

Reliable Western sources in the Sudanese capital say Egyptian military men in uniform have been spotted in groups of twos and threes in the streets and in some hotels over the past two days. The sources, however, said the men did not appear to be regular troops. The defense ministry spokesman affirmed Egypt has not sent any regular forces into Sudan.

Meanwhile, International Red Cross officials in Khartoum moved quickly Friday to evacuate some 4,000 Chadian refugees camped on the borders with Chad as tensions heightened in the region following an exchange of diplomatic slaps between Sudan and Libya.

\$56m provided for Pakistan's nuclear plan

ISLAMABAD, June 27 (AFP) — Pakistan will spend more than \$56 million in fiscal 1981-82 on its nuclear energy program showing an increase of 12 percent over the amount spent the previous year, it was officially learnt here Friday.

The annual development plan released by the government's latest budgetary document said the allocations would be made available mainly for a fuel reprocessing plant, a nuclear power project, and nuclear mineral survey including exploration for uranium.

Pakistan had contracted for a nuclear reprocessing plant with France in 1976. But the deal was later suspended by France. However, Pakistan maintains that France has contractual obligations to supply the plant, which was to be set up at Chashma in Mianwali district of Punjab province.

Besides the nuclear development outlay of \$56 million, \$14.05 million would be given to the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission under administrative headings. However, last year's allocation of \$40 million for a reprocessing plant has been repeated for the year indicating that last year's funds remain unused.

Besides setting up a reprocessing plant, Pakistan is planning to build a nuclear complex at Chashma comprising eight nuclear power plants.

Kuwait arrests seven with fake passports

KUWAIT, June 27 (AFP) — Authorities here have arrested seven persons carrying "false passports issued by a Gulf state," on suspicion of involvement in a series of five explosions Thursday, Kuwait newspaper said Friday.

The names of the arrested would not be disclosed "in the interests of the investigation that should continue in secret," Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein said. The interior ministry had vital information on the five explosions, which occurred within an hour in various parts of Kuwait, he added. The blast occurred near the ministry, in a garden close to the state security center, at a tourist center near a petrol filling station and next to power plant.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AP) — United States cooperated with Israel on the air raid on the Iraqi nuclear research center June 7, Libya's number two man Abdul Salam Jalloud said during a lunch in Kremlin. Jalloud, on a visit here, held talks Friday with Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov.

OTTAWA (R) — The wives of two Canadian diplomats who hid six American officials in Tehran after the U.S. Embassy was seized in 1979 have been awarded The Order of Canada, the country's top civilian honor, the government announced Friday. The awards were made to Dr. Pat Taylor, wife of then-Ambassador Ken Taylor, who is now Canadian consul-general in New York, and Guyana-born Zena Sheardoun, wife of an embassy official.

CASABLANCA (AFP) — Trials of some of those arrested during last week's anti-government riots here in which more than 200 persons are believed to have been killed in clashes with security forces, began here Friday.

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — The Polish government has given Ethiopia three mobile studios and a generator to help improve the country's television service.

LONDON (R) — Sudanese security men attacked Libyan diplomats and property in Khartoum after Sudan ordered Libya's envoys out of the country, the official Libyan News Agency Jana has said.

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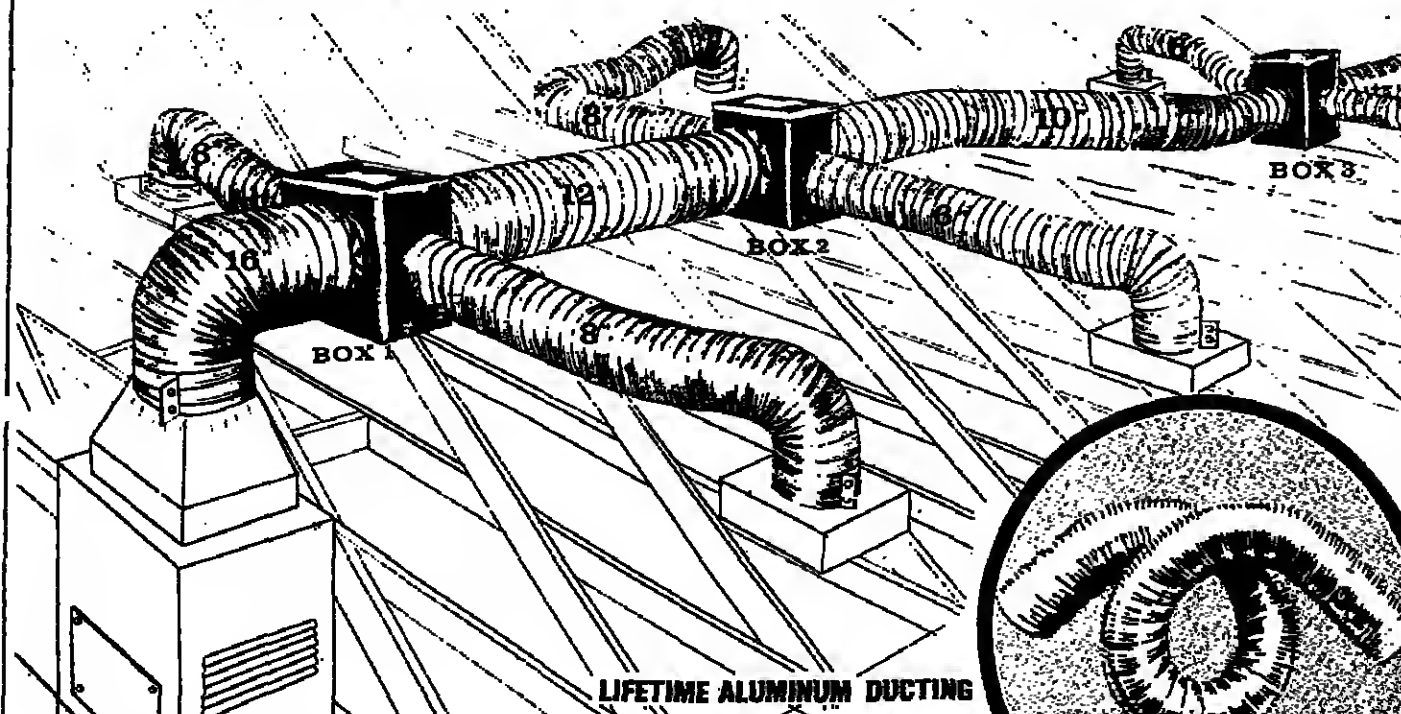
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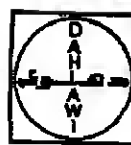
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Pakistan replaces Iran in U.S. strategy

By Jamal Rasheed

LONDON — President Ronald Reagan's \$3 billion aid package for Pakistan emphasizes the country's new strategic importance in the region. The military aid is worth \$400 million a year for five years, with a further \$200 million a year in economic assistance.

After the loss of Iran, Pakistan is a main country in the region with the military manpower and technical expertise to fit into the overall U.S. plan for a "strategic consensus". There are indications that the new Rapid Deployment Force will rely on logistic help from Pakistan. The U.S. has indicated a willingness to supply Pakistan with F-16 fighter planes, the aircraft used by Israel to bomb the Iraqi nuclear plant.

Pakistan's shopping list also includes 400 M-60 tanks, 500 armored personnel carriers and more than 100 helicopters. In addition, the U.S. has offered a \$300 million air surveillance system along the strategic Pakistan-Afghanistan border. According to State Department sources in Washington, the U.S. is now in a position to demand bases in Pakistan, especially a naval base at Gwadar, at the mouth of the Gulf of Oman.

The U.S. is also keen to gain surveillance facilities at Peshawar, where U2 spy planes used to fly in the 1960s. Even logistical facilities in Pakistan would immediately enhance the fighting ability of the RDF, which is dependent on bases thousands of miles away in Diego Garcia, Egypt and Europe.

For many years Pakistan has been training officers from a dozen countries, largely of the Arab world, in its military academy at Kakul, its counter-insurgency school at Quetta and its trainer air bases in Sargodha and Peshawar.

Military sources in Karachi say this training program will be stepped up.

Oman has 10,000 troops recruited from Pakistan's Makran region. Since the collapse of the Dhofar rebellion, Pakistani officers have taken over the duties of some British and Iranian officers in the Omani army. If the U.S. is granted facilities at Gwadar, then Pakistani troops will be alongside U.S. personnel on both sides of the Strait of Hormuz, because the U.S. already has a treaty with Oman.

The Reagan administration has decided to turn a blind eye to Pakistan's nuclear program, which previously handicapped President Carter from arming the Pakistanis.

Pakistan's nuclear program has aroused intense criticism in the region. Recently the chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, H.N. Sethna, said that a Pakistani nuclear explosion might come "any time from June onward."

Greece adopts tough stand on U.S. bases

By Harold Byatt

ATHENS — The suspension of talks between Greece and the United States on a new defense cooperation agreement casts doubts on the future of four American bases in Greece. The bases were set up under a 1953 accord, and their fate now depends on the Greek parliamentary elections this autumn. After almost five months of talking, the discussions simply ran out of time: the Greek parliament was about to begin its summer recess, leaving no opportunity for any agreement to be approved by MPs.

The conservative government of Prime Minister George Rallis is thought to have taken a tough stand in the negotiations. Rallis recently promised that any new agreement would be much more favorable to Greece than the old one, negotiated in the postwar years when Greece relied heavily on American aid.

According to Greek diplomatic sources, however, the United States would not grant a Greek request that the seven-to-ten ratio in American military aid between Greece and Turkey should continue. Nor would the Americans approve some of the items on the Greek military shopping list.

At the same time, the sources said, Greece insisted the bases could operate only within the framework of NATO, ruling out any possibility that the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force could be stationed in Greece.

The government said negotiations on the bases would start from scratch after the elections. However, Rallis' New Democracy Party is trailing the opposition Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement, PASOK, in the polls, and few observers believe Rallis has much chance of winning re-election.

For the time being, the four bases are operating normally. Their tasks include surveillance of most of the eastern Mediterranean. As the base negotiations dragged on, Athens was draped with banners proclaiming, "Out with the bases of death," long a slogan of PASOK, whose leader, Andreas Papandreu, is a U.S.-trained economist.

If PASOK takes power, the issue could leave Papandreu uncomfortably astride the fence. He wants the American facilities to be sealed off while a time-table for closing them is worked out "within a Greek-American dialogue."

That would enable the bases to continue operating in the same kind of limbo they have existed in for the past five years.

Letter to the editor

Filipino groups unite

Sir, I am glad to learn that Misuari's MNLF and Lucman's BMLD were united with Benigno Aquino Jr.'s UNIDO. This is a tremendous step to abruptly end, by any means, the virtual one-man-Marcos rule in the Philippines.

As a Moro fighter who has spent several years in the jungles of the Moro homeland until last year, when I had the chance to slip out of the Philippines disguised as a contract worker, I would like to congratulate Misuari's ingenuity and Lucman's political skill.

Misuari and Lucman have renewed their dwindling leaderships. And now that we have placed ourselves at the service of Aquino, whose Christian followers are afraid to fight and die for him, as a Misuari loyalist, I am willing to go back to the homeland to serve him again with his new ally.

I hope Salamat's MNLF will also join these new allied groups so that Aquino can avail himself of a more powerful force of Moro fighters.

Yours faithfully,
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Mitterrand takes a Communist risk

By Robin Smyth

PARIS — The victory of the French Socialists has spread a sort of national elation even among those who tried to stop it. The French are never entirely unhappy when they are astonishing the world. The admission of four Communist ministers to President Mitterrand's second government last week, after a night and a day of hard bargaining, has added a new element of challenge and risk to the Socialist experiment.

How long can the old enemies of the Left — Socialists and Communists — hold together? Will the arrival of Communists inside the council of ministers hasten the day when moderate Socialists like the finance minister, Jacques Delors, find their position untenable?

Political commentators in the French press disagree as to how far the text of the agreement which brings the Communist Party (PCF) into government for the first time for 34 years represents a victory for Mitterrand over the Communist leader, Georges Marchais. "The PCF enters the government on its knees" was the front page headline of the left-wing *Liberation* last week.

But Pierre Daix, a former Communist, noted in the independent *Le Quotidien de Paris* that the Communist leaders have managed to avoid a complete surrender on foreign policy which would have harmed their relationship with Moscow. Vagueness marks the Communist endorsement of the Socialist position on Afghanistan and Soviet missiles.

However, there is general agreement that the Communists have made considerable concessions to win four minor ministries. They have agreed to

back the more moderate scope and slower pace of Socialist reforms. They have sacrificed their freedom to criticize Socialist policy outside parliament and their chance to pick up some of their lost popularity by campaigning in the streets and on shop floors for higher wages and pensions than the Socialists think the economy can stand.

These concessions were the logical outcome of the Communist defeat in the elections. As the Socialists moved into power in the two campaigns — first for the presidency, then for the National Assembly — Communists suffered one reverse after another. They lost one quarter of their voters, and their National Assembly seats were cut back from 86 to 44.

For the time being the PCF wants nothing more than to be given even a small share in the Socialist victory. Marchais' right-hand man, Charles Fiterman, a former electrician, becomes minister of state in the new government and is fourth in line to the prime minister, Pierre Mauroy. The other three Communists in the government are Jack Ralite, a journalist, as minister of health; Amicéle Pors, the PCF's economic expert, as minister of administrative reform and Marcel Rigout as minister of vocational training.

With a clear Socialist majority in the National Assembly, Mitterrand had no need to give the Communists even this small foothold in his government. Having the Communists it does no good to French relations with the United States, West Germany and the Arab states. Mitterrand is well aware, too, that when the Communists find they have nothing more to gain with their association with the Socialists they will pull out of the government just as they broke of the Union of the Left

with the Socialist Party in 1977.

But, as Mitterrand sees it, to be able to bind the Communists into a Socialist government as a junior partner is a logical step in his long struggle to reorganize the French Left. Mitterrand has humbled the once proud Communist Party; he believes that he can now change it.

Only once since the war has a single party matched the Socialists' success, when the Gaullists won a landslide in 1968. But the Gaullists had the Left to contend with. They had to face the trade unions and the hostility of a powerful Communist Party. Giscard had a bitterly divided majority and his was the smaller part of it.

Mitterrand has none of these worries. He has an overall majority in the assembly. No powerful organization is ranged against him and it is five years before the next parliamentary election, seven years before his own mandate ends.

Socialists will soon be moving into positions of responsibility in many areas of French life. The change will be most striking in the National Assembly when it reconvenes soon. One quarter of the deputies will be newly elected Socialists, most of them young, who will outnumber the established members of their own party.

The first priority which Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has set himself is to cut unemployment. He faces the difficult task of reactivating the economy to create new jobs at a time of international recession — and without forcing up the cost of living. He and Mitterrand know that they will have no excuses or alibis for failure, and that ex-President Giscard and Raymond Barre, the austere economist he made his prime minister, are waiting in the wings to say "we told you so." (ONS)

NUCLEAR CONSPIRACY

America's Central Intelligence Agency released in 1978 a report it had prepared in 1974, in which it expressed its certainty that Israel had produced its own nuclear weapon, and that it has spent a great deal of money on developing the missiles needed to deliver them. Moshe Dayan, former Israeli defense minister, became the first ranking Israeli to discuss the possible existence of an Israeli nuclear weapon publicly. This he did through the usual roundabout admission of Israel "having the capability" to produce such weapons, and of its readiness to do so "once the Arab world introduced them into the area." In other words, the weapons are there, and Israel will admit to them once the Arabs obtained similar ones.

Israel's two nuclear reactors, as is well known, are not open to international inspection, as was the Iraqi reactor. Yet Israel, which has actually produced an atomic bomb, obtains America's tacit blessing and even, as it increasingly appears to be the case, actual help in destroying the Iraqi reactor.

It is therefore no wonder that the Arab world is increasingly convinced that it faces an international conspiracy aiming at denying it nuclear technology, even if this is patently peaceful in intent. As the Iraqi president put it recently, the essence of the conspiracy is to keep the Arabs in a state of scientific and technological backwardness, and that the fear of their enemies is not of the possibility of the Arabs developing nuclear weapons but of scientific progress in the Arab world.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday led with the restoration of ties between Morocco and Mauritania, with King Hassan II of Morocco and President Muhammad Khouna Ould Haïdala of Mauritania shaking hands in the presence of King Khaled in Taif. The papers said that Saudi Arabia played an outstanding role in eliminating differences between the two countries, hoping that the restoration of relations will help consolidate cooperation in all fields.

In a front-page story, *Al Nadwa* highlighted Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Touré's call to Iraq and Iran to maintain truce during the month of Ramadan. The same paper frontpaged a report on the closure of the PLO office in Khartoum by the Sudanese police, who were reported to have sealed it and brought down the PLO flag from over its building. In yet another page one story, *Al Nadwa* quoted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as saying that "our information confirms America's prior knowledge of the bombardment of the reactor" by the Israeli warplanes.

In an editorial on rapprochement between Morocco and Mauritania, *Al Medina* highlighted Saudi Arabia's persistent efforts to clear the atmosphere between the two countries and remove the causes that have led to the rupture of bilateral ties.

The paper said the meeting between the three heads of state in Taif will foster a good ground for the unification of positions, and "all of us are confident that the states of the Arab West make the welfare of their peoples as well the peoples of the whole Arab and Islamic nation the cornerstone of their policy". The removal of clouds from brotherly relations is a matter of great rejoicing for Arabs and Muslims, and "we hope that it will provide a lead for settling all forms of bilateral differences", the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* rejoiced over the removal of differences between Morocco and Mauritania, restoring diplomatic relations between the two countries. What actually enhances the significance of this rapprochement is the Moroccan monarch's declaration of his country's approval for a referendum in the Western Sahara, so that the people of the region may exercise the right to self-determination in complete freedom. The paper hoped that the referendum will end the Sahara problem and bring about an agreement on stopping bloodshed and unifying the energies to be deployed towards the major issues of the nations. The paper went on to say that the Kingdom has seen a number of brotherly meetings which have helped in settling disputes among brothers, and "we are hopeful that

the Kingdom will succeed in overcoming many other differences which are still persisting, especially those which exist between Iraq and Syria and also the Lebanese crisis. We earnestly hope that the nation will be successful in realizing its aspirations", the paper added.

Al Bilad said, editorially, that Saudi Arabia has been employing all means to unify the Arabs to make their solidarity a tangible reality. Considering this as a responsibility, the Kingdom's outstanding role becomes very clear, and the restoration of ties between Morocco and Mauritania is only part of Saudi Arabia's efforts in clearing the atmosphere between two neighbors and embarking on a new understanding, so that the two countries can mobilize all their energies in the confrontation of the enemies of Arabs and Muslims, said the paper. The restoration of ties between Morocco and Mauritania has proved to be a big blow to those who have continuously tried to create tension between the two Muslim countries in order to achieve their own expansionist designs, it added. As regards Saudi Arabia, the paper said, it has played a positive role in repelling dangers from the Arab people and realizing their hopes and aspirations through a comprehensive stability.



In Israeli elections, faces may change but the enemy remains the same. Al Nadwa

Lethal arms for China

Soviets call U.S. move hostile

MOSCOW, June 27 (Agencies) — An authoritative commentary in Saturday's editions of the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said the U.S. decision to sell weapons to China represented "a new dangerous turn...hostile" to the Soviet Union.

The commentary by I. Alexandrov — a name that Western experts here believe is a pseudonym for high-level Kremlin policymakers — also said Moscow "cannot remain indifferent" to "provocations" by American and Chinese leaders.

The American decision to sell lethal arms to China was announced during the visit to Peking earlier this month by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. The deputy chief of state of China's People's Liberation Army is expected to visit Washington in August to explore specific arms purchases.

"On the whole, the results of Haig's talks with the Peking leaders can be assessed as an escalation of a reckless policy," *Pravda* said, adding: "The Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent in the face of a new dangerous turn in Sino-American relations, especially (in the face) of plans to provide China with modern U.S. weapons, military gear and technology. These actions by Washington and Peking can only be described as hostile with regard to our country."

The article went on: "The Soviet Union will take such measures as will be dictated by the situation which is shaping up...The Soviet people, who possess strong nerves and powerful means for curbing aggression, will not yield to provocations."

The leading spokesman for the Soviet Communist Party, Leonid M. Zamyatin,

declared last weekend on national television that the U.S.-China deal could have "serious consequences" for peace and U.S.-Soviet relations.

The fact that the Soviets again felt it necessary to spell out their position — and in the authoritative form they did — indicated the depth of concern that the U.S.-China deal has provoked here. The Soviets have more troops along their border with China than they have in all of Eastern Europe. The two Communist countries, once close allies, have been at sharp odds with each other for some 20 years, and relations show no sign of improvement.

China has had several border clashes with and fought a brief war in 1979 against Vietnam, the Soviet Union's main ally in Southeast Asia. Saturday's *Pravda* piece charged that "neither the United States nor China makes any secret of the fact that their main aim is to drive of Indochina and their neighbors — the states of Southeast Asia — to create around Vietnam something like a sanitary cordon. And try once again to bring the Vietnamese people to their knees."

Pravda said that while Washington used to its advantage the anti-Soviet stand of China, Peking had its own interest to pursue. This interest was in setting the United States and the Soviet Union against each other "so as to be able to dominate the world after a nuclear conflict which, in Peking's design, will annihilate both America and Europe but, maybe, will spare some dozens or a couple of hundred million Chinese." When all is said and done, China's population is double the population of the United States and Western Europe together.

Scandinavia cautious over N-free zone

COPENHAGEN, June 27 (AP) — Scandinavian officials are reacting cautiously to a revived Soviet proposal for a nuclear-free zone, asking if the Soviets would remove atomic weapons bordering Nordic countries under the plan.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, in a proposal published Friday, guaranteed that nuclear weapons would not be used against Scandinavian nations if they join a nuclear-free zone in Northern Europe.

The proposal is similar to a 1958 plan suggested by then-Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. But Brezhnev's statement implied a willingness to discuss restrictions on Soviet missiles aimed at Scandinavia, which drew the attention of Nordic government.

Western military analysts say the Kola peninsula, a Soviet territory that borders Finland and Norway, bristles with SS-20 missiles that could easily hit any Nordic country. The Soviets maintain nuclear weapons in the Murmansk area, near the Soviet-Finnish border, and have nuclear missile-armed submarines in the Baltic Sea.

"I would very much like to see something positive in President Brezhnev's statements concerning the Soviet areas," Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said.

Officials in Sweden and Norway said they were studying the proposal. Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen, whose nation shares a 1,600 km border with the Soviet Union, called Brezhnev's statement "constructive and positive."

The proposal defined the zone as including countries on Europe's northern rim that "renounce the production and acquisition of nuclear weapons and their deployment on their territories."

Off Peru coast

Quake prediction challenged

LIMA, June 27 (R) — A senior U.S. seismologist has challenged a prediction that a major earthquake will hit Lima Sunday but many Peruvians have left the capital, just in case.

John Filson, chief of the office of earthquake studies at the U.S. Geological Institute, told a press conference he had timed his visit to Peru to challenge the prediction of American physicist Brian Brady.

Dr. Brady of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, has forecast three major earth quakes will occur soon off the coast of Peru, south of Lima. He says the first will be Sunday. But Filson said Brady's theory had no scientific basis. "I do not know of one scientist in the United States or in fact worldwide who supports the theories of Dr. Brady," he said.

Despite Filson's statement and similar assurances by other American and Peruvian scientists, many Peruvians took advantage of a long weekend and streamed out of Lima. Travel agents reported all flights to inland provinces were fully booked. Residents

who stayed in Lima bought up canned food, torches and radios, shopkeepers said.

The civil defense department of Callao, Lima's port, issued a statement calling for calm following what it said was a wave of rumors about disasters and earthquakes.

Filson said Brady's prediction was rejected last January by the U.S. Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council which examined the theory at the request of the Peruvian government. He said Brady had worked principally in the field of mine safety in an attempt to predict roof collapses but had never successfully forecast an earth-quake.

According to Brady, the Pacific Ocean floor moving down a continental edge off the Peruvian coast contains a zone of fractured rock encased in much harder material. The fractured zone eventually expands putting stress on the surrounding rock until it collapses and releases mighty earth tremors. He has predicted that a second more powerful quake will occur about Aug. 10 and a third, bigger still, about Sept. 16.

American cautions on lasers

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP) — The United States should move cautiously with plans to develop and deploy advanced laser and particle-beam weapons because so much remains to be learned about them, says the man chosen as White House science adviser.

George A. Keyworth, in his first news briefing since being designated President Ronald Reagan's science adviser last month, said he encouraged strong support of these potential weapons systems.

But the nuclear physicist and laser expert cautioned against putting so much early emphasis on such weapons as the space-based anti-missile lasers that have been widely discussed lately.

"Such speculation can cause people to forget that what we can do now is a long way from anti-ballistic missile technology," he said at an American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting Thursday night.

"We have developed in the last 20 years an enormous (laser) technology... with major defense capabilities," Keyworth said. "I would encourage strong support of this technology with the understanding that the application is decades down the road."

Keyworth, 41, who headed the physics division at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, is expected to have no trouble winning Senate confirmation. He is a Republican who believes in a strong national defense.

Thailand in jail after lavish meal

BANGKOK, June 27 (AP) — Bangkok's epicurean scrounger has struck again — notching his 40th trip behind bars after refusing to pay for a lavish Japanese meal.

The English-language *Bangkok Post* reported that Pongern Kraturuek Saturday returned to the city's fashionable restaurant circuit after an eight-month absence to down a 700 baht (\$35) meal and then "politely" decline to accept the check. He then waited for police officers called in by Matsuo Restaurant.

Pongern, something of a media celebrity, has eaten without paying at more than 100 of Bangkok's restaurants. Waiters rarely suspect problems since he invariably acts in a sophisticated and friendly manner, according to reports.



SHEEP AHOY: Sheep in their hundreds take a tiresome walk over wintery Kistepass in Switzerland (2,600 meters above sea level) on the way to the Alps where they will spend the summer. Shepherds of Swiss canton Grisons have traditional pasture rights in the nearby canton of Glarus.

Mahathir to become premier in fortnight

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (AP) — Mahathir Muhammad has been elected premier and Musa Hitam was elected deputy president of Malaysia's most powerful political party, virtually assuring them of the post of prime minister and deputy prime minister respectively.

American, British, Australian, Indian, Filipino, Singaporean and other diplomats here said there probably will be no change in Malaysia's pro-Western foreign policy or a free enterprise system under the new leadership.

Prime Minister Hussein Onn addressed United Malays National Organization (UMNO) Friday for the last time as party president and was given a standing ovation several minutes. Hussein announced 11 months that he was giving up the leadership of his party and the presidency of UMNO because he had undergone a cardiac bypass operation in February in London.

At the UMNO party elections held along with the annual general assembly, Mahathir was unopposed for the presidency. He had been deputy president and deputy prime minister. Hussein will give up prime ministership to Mahathir within a fortnight, party officials said.

Education Minister Musa Hitam defeated Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for the deputy president's post. They have been vice presidents. When Mahathir becomes prime minister, Musa will become deputy prime minister, senior party officials said and added this had been the tradition in Malaysia since independence from Britain in 1957.

UMNO, although it could rule the coalition with the Malaysian Chinese Association, the Malaysian Indian Congress and other parties to reflect the multiracial composition of the country in the government.

The diplomats said the national front well entrenched and they see little chance of the small opposition political parties posing any challenge to the overwhelming number of seats the national front holds in the federal British-style parliament and state assemblies.

Both Mahathir and Musa, like Hussein, devout Muslims and the diplomats said they are expected to follow moderate policies.

Kidnapped Italian sentenced to death

PADUA, Italy, June 27 (R) — Italy's Red Brigades guerrillas said they had "sentenced" one of their four captives to death. The Brigades, in a statement found in Padua, said the "trial" of Giuseppe Talicio, a union executive with the state-backed chemical company Montedison, had ended.

Talicio, 54, director of Montedison's troubled Porta Marghera plant near Venice was kidnapped May 20. The Brigades accused him Friday of 30 years of an proletarian activity and working in the interests of multinationals. "For these reasons we condemn him to death," they said.

In Cambodia Pen Sovann elected premier

BANGKOK, June 27 (Agencies) — Cambodia's new National Assembly has elected collective leadership for the country, naming strong man Pen Sovann as prime minister while retaining Heng Samrin as nominal head of state, the Cambodian news Agency SPK reported Saturday.

Heng Samrin was named chairman of the council of state, a collegial presidency modeled on that of Vietnam, which initially installed him in power after invading Cambodia in late 1978. Under the draft constitution adopted by the National Assembly earlier this week, the chairman of the council of state also serves as commander in chief of the armed forces.

Analysts said the new lineup appeared to be designed to enable Pen Sovann to concentrate on policy making. His real power comes from his job as secretary-general of the pro-Moscow People's Revolutionary Party of Kampuchea (PRPK).

As if to bear this out, Pen Sovann also gave up the defense portfolio in the new cabinet, which was sworn in Saturday at the end of the assembly's maiden four-day session. The 117-member body, described as the supreme

Shuttle mission to begin Sept. 30

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, June 27 (AP) — The U.S. space shuttle's second mission still is targeted to begin Sept. 30 despite a possible problem with shock waves on lift-off, a NASA official has announced. Shock waves are created by the *Columbia*'s solid rockets during ignition, said Dr. Robert Gray, director of the space shuttle projects office at the Kennedy Space Center.

Gray explained that when the two solid rockets were ignited after ignition on the three main engines of the *Columbia*, they created a "pressure pulse" four times greater than expected at the rear end of the shuttle. The shock wave bounced off areas beneath the launch platform and returned to impact on the spaceship.

"We are still looking hard at the ignition over-pressure of the solid-rocket boosters during the first launch," he said Friday. "The data is very difficult to analyze and we really don't know whether the pressure wave is going to be a major problem or not," Gray said. "It is being studied at the Marshall Space Flight Center (in Alabama). We are also trying to determine what kind of fixes could be had, if they are necessary."

BRIEFS

LEICESTER, England (AP) — A Hawker Siddeley 748 cargo plane carrying mail from London crashed near the East Midlands airport Friday night and government aviation experts began investigating possible sabotage after witnesses reported explosions before the crash. Police said the three-man crew of the freight plane were killed when it crashed into a wheat field near a row of houses in the village of Nailstone.

SAN BERNARDINO, California, (AP) — A motor home carrying seven families caught fire on the mountainous stretch of a highway Friday and rolled backward into two other vehicles, killing 10 persons and injuring at least 20, the California highway patrol said. The fiery accident in the Cajon pass area north of San Bernardino also touched off a brushfire next to the highway that burned over five acres, authorities said.

ATLANTA, (R) — Former President Jimmy Carter will make a private visit to China and Japan during August and September. He intends to meet government and political figures, his office announced here Friday. The trip will be his first abroad since he left office in January.

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Andrea Jaeger makes exit Borg, McEnroe sail into last eight

LONDON, June 27 (AFP) — Defending champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden stormed into the quarterfinals of the men's singles of the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament with 7-6, 7-5, 7-3 victory over Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States here Saturday.

Second-seeded John McEnroe also made the quarterfinals by beating former champion Stan Smith 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Joining the top two seeds are unseeded Vijay Amritraj of India who scored a fluent 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 win over Paul Kronk of Australia and Rod Frawley of Australia and South African Johan Kriek.

Fifth-seeded American Andrea Jaeger became the first major casualty of the women's singles when she went down 6-4, 7-6 to Yugoslavia's Mima Jausovec, the 10th seed.

Jaeger, 16, who last year became Wimbledon's youngest quarterfinalist, was the only one of the top eight seeds not to make it to the quarterfinals which will be staged on Monday.

Jausovec's unexpected victory in a protracted baseline struggle put her through to a meeting with top-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd of the United States, who defeated Switzerland's Claudia Pasquale 6-0, 6-0.

Second seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia beat Britain's Anne Hobbs 6-3, 6-2 and oov faces Australia's Wendy Turnbull, Tracy Austin, the third seed, will next meet another American teenager Pam Shriver after putting out compatriot Barbara Potter 6-4, 6-0 and Martina Navratilova, seeded

fourth, beat American Betsy Nagelsen 6-3, 6-1 to set up a quarterfinal meeting with Romania's Virginia Ruzici.

Evert-Lloyd, who has yet to be seriously tested this week crushed Swiss surprise packet Claudia Pasquale in 36 minutes and later said she had felt like apologizing to her demoralized opponent.

But Pasquale, an 18-year-old newcomer from Zurich can feel rightly proud of herself for getting so far in the tournament, eliminating 14-year Florida hotshot Kathy Rinaldi and No. 11 seed Dianne Fromholtz of Australia along the way.

The opponent she is seeded to play in the final, Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, meanwhile continued her graceful progress. The French and Australian Open title-holder looked majestic at times against Virginia Wade's conquerer, but her game was tainted with a series of double faults which left a thread of hope for the British support.

Late Friday, Borg reaped a handsome revenge over leading West German player Rolf Gehring — a tall, powerful serve and volleyer who beat the super Swede in straight sets in the Brussels WCT Tournament earlier this year.

The No. 1 seed and title-holder was cruising along comfortably when Gehring brought gasps from the crowd by breaking to lead 5-3 in the second set. That was when the world's top player stepped into overdrive, reeling off ten games in a row to run out a 6-4, 7-5, 6-0 winner.

In Memphis Classic

Mitchell forces three-way tie

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, June 27 (AP) — Jeff Mitchell birdied two of the last three holes for a 68 that lifted him into a three-way tie for the lead Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Danny Thomas-Memphis Golf Classic.

Mitchell, 26, who scored his only pro victory in the Phoenix Open last year, had a 36-hole total of 139, five strokes under trips over the 7,249-yard Colonial Country Club course.

He shared the top spot at the tournament halfway point with Curtis Strange and former U.S. Open champ Jerry Pate, each of whom had a second round 70 in the warm weather. First-round leader Tom Kite, David Thore, Jerry Heard and Scott Simpson were all one stroke back at 140.

There, who needs to win \$1,931 in this tournament to retain his PGA tour playing rights, one-putted 11 times on the way to a 68. Heard chipped in for birdie on two holes in a no-bogey round of 66; the best score of the tournament, Simpson shot 71.

Defending champion Lee Trevino, a three-time winner of this event, had to rally from the water for a 71 and a 141 total that left him two shot back.

Bruce Lietzke, a three-time winner this season, who was playing with Trevino and local favorite Lou Graham in the threesome that drew most of the gallery, bogeyed three holes in a row at one stretch, but fought his way back for a 71 and is at the head of a group at 142, three shots off the pace.

Graham, a former U.S. Open champ from Nashville, had an eagle-3 on the 16th hole in

a 73 that left him at 143.

Meanwhile, Daniel Talbot of Canada aced the 17th hole en route to a scramble 73 Friday and a share of the lead with PGA tour veteran Ray Floyd and unheralded Don Allman, after 36 holes in the \$100,000 Lahart's International Tournament.

Talbot, 28, scored the hole in one with an eight-iron on the 146-yard hole, urging it along verily at the arc of its flight when he didn't think the expected head wind was going to catch it.

Allman, one stroke off the lead after the opening round Thursday, had an up-and-down even-par round of five birdies and five bogeys including four birdies on the incoming nine.

It was an exhilarating feeling for the red-head as he trudged down the 17th fairway alongside Arnold Palmer of the U.S., defending champion and golf's first millionaire, who was in Talbot's threesome with Jerry Anderson of Toronto.

Talbot collected \$3,500 put up by a Kitchener insurance firm to be awarded to the first player to ace the hole in the 72-hole tournament being staged at the 6,755-yard par-72 Westmount Golf and Country Club to decide the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association Championship.

Talbot and Floyd, who finished with a two-under par 70, and Allman were at 141, three under par after 36 holes. They were one stroke ahead of U.S. Open champion David Graham of Australia, who carded his second straight 71 to his hunt for the \$20,000 winner's purse.

BRIEFS

MARTIGUES (AFP) — Johan Van de Velde of the Netherlands riding for Raleigh won the third stage of the Tour of France Road Cycling race here Saturday, the third stage of the Tour of France Road Cycling race here Saturday, the 254 kilometers Nice-Dragnignan-Martigues stage ahead of Lucien Didier of Luxembourg. Gerrie Knetemann of the Netherlands keeps the yellow jersey of the leader.

SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) — France's Rugby Union team notched up their fourth victory (against one loss) on their Australian tour with a 12-12 win here Saturday over New South Wales. But injury continued to plague the French as captain Jean-Pierre Rives left the field in the 63rd minute, with a dislocated shoulder, and wing Pierre Lacans also suffered a shoulder injury.

MOSCOW (AFP) — An American businessman recently bought an Arab Station named Psenia for a million dollars during an auction at Mineralnye in the Caucasus mountain area. Pravda reported here Saturday.

LONDON (R) — Kent took the last semifinal place in the Benson and Hedges Cricket Cup Saturday with a 14-run victory over

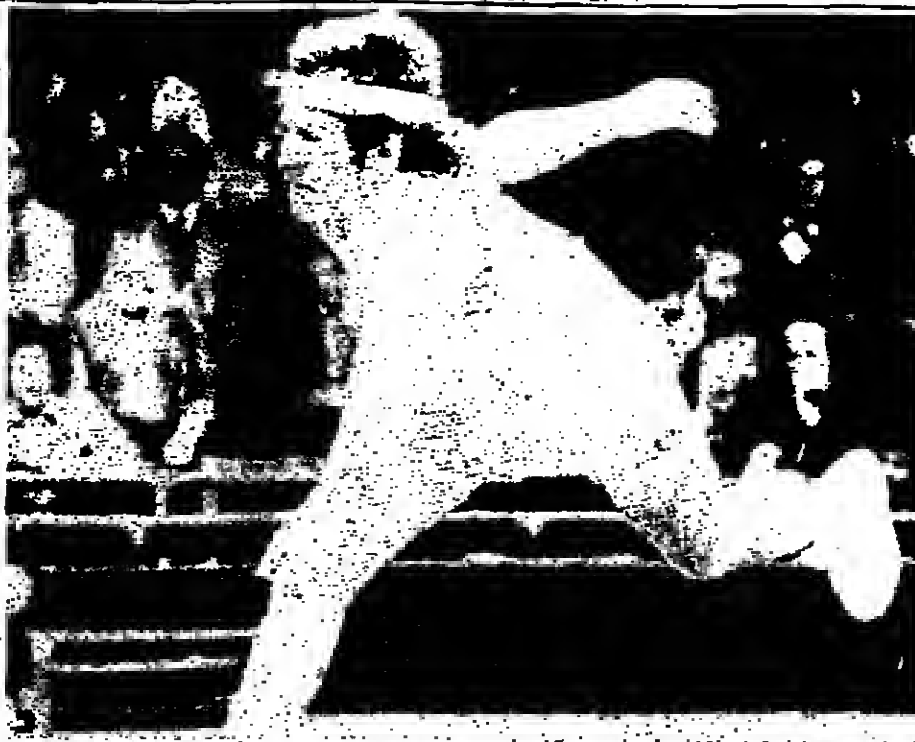
Warwickshire at the Oval. The match was transferred to London after two days of rain at the original venue, Canterbury, and reduced to 50 overs.

ROSTOCK, East Germany. (AFP) — The United States women's volleyball team beat Olympic silver medalists East Germany 15-11, 3-15, 15-6, 15-10 here Friday, the third day of the Rostock International Volleyball Tournament. In another match, Bulgaria beat Romania 10-15, 15-6, 15-6, 15-2.

LUSAKA (R) — Bagayuko Soundalo of Mali and Zambian Chisanda Mutti clash over 10 rounds at Lusaka's Independence Stadium Sunday to determine who will challenge world-ranked Zambian fighter Lotte Mwale for the Africa Boxing Union (ABU) light-heavyweight title later this year.

CHIGASAKI, Japan (AFP) — The Japanese stretched their lead over Australia to 28-20 points here Saturday after the second round of the three-day Fourth Australia-Japan Foundation Goodwill Golf match.

CANTERBURY, England (AP) — Australian cricketers were deprived of Test match practice here Saturday when the first day's play in their game against Kent was washed out.



MOVES AHEAD: Second-seeded John McEnroe rushes ahead to reach the ball as he goes on out Stan Smith to make the quarterfinals of the men's singles of the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament Saturday. McEnroe won 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Saturday's results

WOMEN'S SINGLES (FOURTH ROUND): Chris Evert-Lloyd (U.S.) beat Claudia Pasquale (Switzerland) 6-0, 6-0; Martina Navratilova (U.S.) beat Betsy Nagelsen (U.S.) 6-3, 6-1; Wendy Turnbull (Australia) beat Pam Teeguarden (U.S.) 6-4, 6-1; Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Anne Hobbs (Britain) 6-3, 6-2; Tracy Austin (U.S.) beat Barbara Potter (U.S.) 6-4, 6-0; Pam Shriver (U.S.) beat Jo Durie (Britain) 6-3, 6-4; Mima Jausovec (Yugoslavia) beat Andrea Jaeger (U.S.) 6-4, 7-6; Virginia Ruzici (Romania) beat Kathy Jordan (U.S.)

MEN'S SINGLES (FOURTH ROUND): John McEnroe (U.S.) beat Stan Smith (U.S.) 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Vijay Amritraj (India) beat Paul Kronk (Australia) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; Rod Frawley (Australia) beat John Fitzgerald (Australia) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6; Johan Kriek (South Africa) beat Francisco Gonzalez (U.S.) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-1; Bjorn Borg (Sweden) beat Vitas Gerulaitis (U.S.) 7-6, 7-5, 7-6; Peter McNamara (Australia) beat Jeff Borowick (U.S.) 7-6, 6-0, 7-6.

Baseball umpires file suit

Club owners face loss

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, June 27 — Major league baseball's 26 club owners were told Thursday that they would be paid strike insurance for the first two days covered by the policy.

The owners, however, have reason to be concerned over the possibility of losing that \$50 million insurance payment, which amounts to \$100,000 per team for each day of the current strike.

The issue came up late Wednesday when the major league umpires took legal action against the owners, asking for an injunction

to prevent Lloyds of London from making payment on the policy.

The suit charges the owners with bargaining in bad faith in an effort to extend the strike and seeks to prohibit the owners from collecting benefits from the \$50 million strike insurance policy. The umpires filed suit because their salaries will be cut off in two weeks if the strike continues.

Richie Phillips, the umpires' attorney, said Wednesday he believed the temporary restraining order would stop the insurance payments immediately. But it is the clubs' belief that they will be paid until the court instructs Lloyds of London otherwise.

Mang scores grand double

ASSEN, Netherlands, June 27 (AFP) — West German Anton Mang scored a grand double in the Dutch Motorcycling Grand Prix Saturday, reinforcing his lead in the Drivers' Championships in the 350cc and the 250cc events.

Mang, 250cc world champion, won the event on the line ahead of Carlos Lavado of Venezuela, who took the lead in the first three laps of the 15 lap race and then seemed content to ride in the slipstream of the world champion.

Mang's win stretches his lead in the 250 cc world championships standings over Jean-Francois Balde of France, who finished sixth here Saturday.

Spain's Ricardo Tormo drove his Bultaco to a win in the 50 cc event. Tormo took over the lead for the championships in this class from Swiss Stefan Doerflinger, who fell twice Saturday, the second time in the second to last lap of the race when he was leading.

Doerflinger broke his right wrist and

Internazionale routs Santos

MILAN, Italy, June 27 (R) — Internazionale of Milan revived interest in the round-robin league of an international soccer tournament here Friday night when they crushed Santos of Brazil 4-1.

Their City rivals A.C. Milan later beat Uruguay's Penarol 1-0 in the tournament, which groups five winners of the annual clash between the top club sides of Europe and South America.

Inter, who went two points clear with one match to go, sliced at will through the Santos

Shergar triumphs in Irish Derby

NEWBRIDGE, Ireland, June 27 (R) — The Aga Khan's super colt Shergar strolled to victory in the Irish Derby at the Curragh Saturday, again showing the majesty he displayed in winning the Epsom Derby by 10 lengths three weeks ago.

Lester Piggott, at 45 the oldest jockey in the race, tucked Shergar in behind pace-maker Cut Above and Kirtling until two furlongs from home in the mile and a half race. Then

he injured his ankle in the fall in which he somersaulted several times before being stopped by bales of straw on a bend of the track. He will be out of international competition for a considerable time.

Anel Nieto of Spain collected his sixth 125 cc Grand Prix victory this year winning the event on his Mioarelli. The win gives him a comfortable 98 points at the head of the 125 cc World Championship standings leading Loris Reggiani of Italy by 24 points.

Nieto snatched victory after a highly charged battle with world champions Pier Paolo Bianchi, Reggiani and Hans Mueller of Switzerland. Nieto powered his way into the lead at three from the finish. Reggiani, Bianchi and Mueller finished in that order behind him.

Meanwhile, disaster struck world 500 cc champion Kenny Roberts of America at the start of the 500 cc event. He could not start on his Yamaha after his brakes jammed on following a last-minute change of tyres to prepare for the rains.

defense and could have doubled the scoreline with better finishing. Bini and Oriolutti them ahead before Tonimbo Vicra pulled a goal back for the Brazilians. But a close-range header from unmarked Altohe Li and Afourth from Muraro in the second half completed the rout.

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Piggott, riding his fifth Irish Derby winner, did not needlessly press his mount, but the great colt's momentum carried him to an effortless four length victory. Second was Cut Above, who ran on gamely but like the rest of the field of 12 was outclassed by the winner. Outsider Dance Bid came late on the scene to finish third.

Ovett finishes second Unknown American beats galaxy of stars in 1,500-m

OSLO, Norway June 27 (AP) — "As long as I live this is not going to happen again," said American surprise man Tom Byers, 26, of Eugene, Oregon Friday.

At Oslo's famous Bislett Stadium, where 38 world records have been set so far, he had just given British 1,500-meter world record holder Sieve Ovett his second defeat on the distance since 1977 during the annual international Bislett Games Track and Field meet.

"I just don't believe it," Byers said when the speaker announced he had won in the quite ordinary time of 3:39.01 with Ovett as runner-up in 3:39.53 and Steve Scott of the U.S. third in 3:39.58. "It's even the first time I beat Steve," Byers added.

A pack of other good middle-distance runners, including John Walker of New Zealand who has posted the world's best time this year with 3:34.5, finished in the pack.

All were taken by surprise by the Columbus, Ohio-born Byers who set out at tremendous speed and worked up an 80-meter lead. When the last 400-meter lap started, Ovett was still 80 meters behind.

"Someone shouted to me at 800 that the intermediate time there was 1:52 minutes. I thought that was my time and thought that Byers would die before the finish line with such an opening he had," Ovett said.

He started an all-out effort to catch up with the American with 250 meters to go, but Byers crossed the tape two meters ahead — dead tired despite the fact that he has posted a time of 3:36.40 earlier this season.

Ovett set his 1,500-meter world record of 3:31.9 at Bislett last year. During his career he had only lost two 1,500-meter races — one at the Michael Manley games in Jamaica 1977 and the Olympic final in Moscow last year when he was third behind compatriot and arch rival Sebastian Coe and Jurgen Straub of East Germany. He won the Olympic 800-meter with Coe as runner-up.

Byers, who was considered a very good indoor runner when he studied for his economics and marketing degrees at the Ohio State University, made it a habit then to go out hard. "I was asked before the start Friday if I would do the same here and I said 'I would,'" Byers said.

"But when I looked over my shoulder on

the home stretch and saw that they still were well behind, I simply couldn't believe it," he said. "But still I thought Ovett would overtake me because I was completely empty when approaching the finish line."

Several other Americans also won Friday. Ben Plueke tt threw the discus 68.86 meter to better the stadium record by one meter.

Ed Moses did not show up for the 400 meters hurdles, but James King won in 50.04 seconds. Carl Hewis came directly from his success in the U.S. championships and leaped 8.03. So did also Roy Mitchell of Britain, but Lewis won with a second best jump of 8.01.

Bill McChesney won the 5,000-meter in 13:19.39, well ahead of Julian Goates of Britain 13:22.77 and the American cross-country world champion Craig Virgin 13:25.73.

Madelaine Manning set another stadium record winning the women's 800 meters in 2:00.09. Norway's marathon ace Grate Waiz outspurred all others winning a slow women's 3,000 meter in 8:57.20. Jan Merrill of the U.S. was third in 9:01.01, also beaten by Denmark's Dorte Rasmussen.

Dwayne Ewans was another American winner by taking the 200 meter in 20.46 seconds ahead of 1980 Olympic silver medalist Allan Wells of Britain. The next big international meet at Bislett Stadium, the annual Oslo games, is scheduled for July 11 with an even better battery of top athletes entered.

Meanwhile, French star, and Olympic champion, Guy Druet, 30, who had been attempting a comeback, said in Paris that his athletics career is over.

Druet competed in the "sport 2,000" meeting here on Wednesday, but he said on Thursday: "The fibers in my achilles tendon go one after the other as I train. Having operations is not worth it at my age."

"It's shame: since for two years now I've been trying to come back and I could have helped the French team through a difficult period this year."

Druet broke the then-world record in the 110-M hurdles with a time of 13 seconds in 1975 at the Olympics stadium in Berlin. He won a silver medal in the event in Munich in 1972 and the gold medal at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

Russian vaults to world mark

MOSCOW, June 27 (AFP) — Vladimir Poliakov of the Soviet Union set a new world mark in the pole vault when he cleared 5.81 meters at a Soviet-East Germany athletics meet in Tbilisi, Friday, erasing a six-day old record set by Frenchman Thierry Vigneron.

The 21-year-old former European junior champion hoisted himself over the 5.80 mark on his first try. The previous record of 5.80, less than one week old, was set by Vigneron during a meeting at Macon, France, on June 20. In the same meet Poliakov placed fifth. Vigneron last year held the world record

for six brief weeks before his compatriot Philippe Houvion snatched the limelight with a record leap just before the start of the Moscow Olympics.

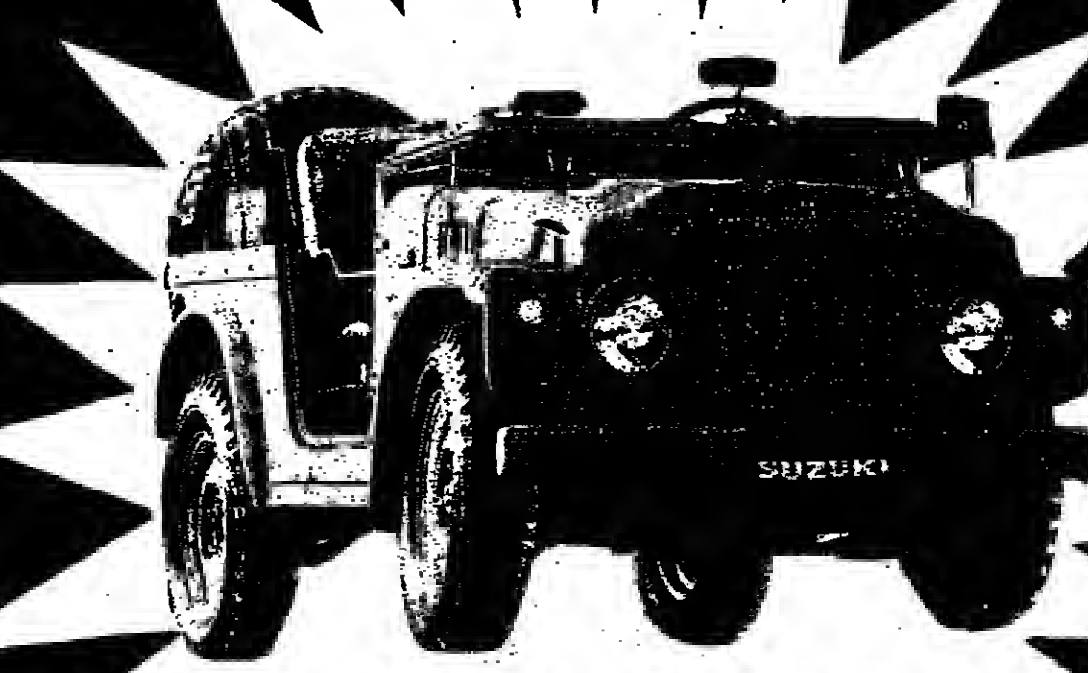
Meanwhile, a East German weightlifter Andreas Kje set a new world record in the snatch when he heaved 150.5 kgs in the lightweight category on the first day of the East German Weightlifting Championships here Friday. The Moscow silver medalist bettered by 1.5 kgs the previous world mark held by Avse Avsetov of the Soviet Union.

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U.S. records \$3.4b trade deficit in May

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP) — The United States' imports of foreign oil decreased by more than 20 percent in May, but overall U.S. exports also declined, leaving a merchandise trade deficit of \$3.44 billion, the Commerce Department has reported. April's deficit had been \$3.46 billion.

The deficit for the first five months of this year stands at just over \$15.9 billion, and at that rate the trade shortfall would be more than \$38 billion — a figure that would be in line with Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige's forecast of an increase of "a few billion dollars" this year. Last year's deficit was \$36.2 billion.

U.S. imported oil has dropped from 7.4 million barrels per day early this year to about 6.1 million in March and April and

then to 5.2 million in May. The May volume was the lowest since the 4.3 million rate of June 1975, when petroleum was selling for about \$12.21 per barrel, a commerce analyst said. The price in May was \$36.96 per barrel, down from \$37.83 in April, he said.

May's oil imports were valued at \$5.9 billion, down 22.7 percent from April, while the volume of 160.9 billion barrels was down 20.9 percent, the commerce report said. Overall imports dropped 4.2 percent to \$22.31 billion, but the deficit remained fairly high because exports declined 4.8 percent to \$18.87 billion.

The fall in exports occurred in all sectors and is attributed by officials to the strength of the dollar and recession overseas, though the full effect of the dollar's rise is not expected to be felt fully until the year-end or early next year.

Mexico seeks oil price hike

MEXICO CITY, June 27 (AP) — Despite a world oil glut, Mexico is confident it can negotiate an increase in the price of its heavier type of crude-oil by \$2 a barrel to \$30 within the next few weeks, the director of the state petroleum monopoly has said.

"We have been negotiating and we believe that it will be possible to obtain an increase of approximately \$2 in the price of our (heavy)

Ex-Im Bank fears operating loss

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP) — The U.S. Export-Import Bank, which gives American exporters cheap interest rates, is expecting to show losses for the first time since World War II, according to information made available.

The bank's future property will depend to some extent on the policy of President Francois Mitterrand's new government in France. Other exporting countries compete briskly for international business and the French government has competed by offering especially low interest rates to encourage the sale of its goods. Other countries, including the United States, have met the competitor by also lending money at rates lower than the rates they have to pay to borrow it. The subsidy is paid by the taxpayer in the exporting country.

Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France blocked efforts at an international agreement to put a higher floor under the rates offered. There has been no indication so far whether Mitterrand will change this policy. As a Socialist, he may be less concerned than Giscard to help the industries that benefit from it. But he may be concerned at the prospect that jobs would be lost if it were abandoned.

crude," Pemex Director Julio Motezuma Cid told a news conference Friday. He said he will know for sure "during the first days in July if these negotiations are successful."

Mexico reduced the price of its Maya-type crude, used to produce diesel and heating oil, by \$4 to \$28 a barrel effective June 1, it maintained the price of its lighter-type Isthmus oil, from which gasoline is derived, at \$38.50.

The increase cost Jorge Diaz Serrano, until then a leading contender in next year's presidential elections, his job as director of Pemex. He resigned June 6 under the fire from the cabinet's economic team, which considered that Mexico should reduce exports and keep its prices unchanged, thus conserving a natural resource.

Diaz Serrano was replaced by Motezuma Cid, a special projects assistant to President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Natural Resources Secretary Jose Andres de Oteyza, a member of the team, later told a congressional committee that Pemex will try to restore the price of Maya to its earlier level. He said the four-dollar cut is costing Pemex \$200 million a month in export income. Motezuma Cid also denied rumors that Mexico is planning to join the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Mexico, with proven reserves of 67.8 billion barrels that make it the world's fifth richest oil nation, has consistently refused to join OPEC or sell its oil on the so-called "spot" market to the highest bidder. Instead, it has insisted on selling only under long-term contracts on one year or more, renegotiating prices jointly with all its customers every three months.

Other government officials said that clients who did not want to buy Mexican oil now at present prices would not be given preferential treatment in future whenever oil is in short supply.



ECONOMICAL CAR: This is the Renault prototype "Eve" that the French firm presented Friday. This car that can speed up to 157 km per hour takes 51.4 for 100 km and the diesel engine called Eve Plus takes only 41. Two elements have been especially improved, the aerodynamics and the couple motor/transmission thanks to the microprocessor/computer.

Wall Street Anti-inflation stocks forge ahead

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP) — For anyone who thrives on sudden surprises and high drama, the first half of 1981 on Wall Street is about to go into the books as a disappointment.

There were no near-cataclysms like the silver crisis involving the Hunt brothers in Dallas in the spring of 1980. No powerful market rallies like those of early 1975 and 1976. No scandals like the collapse of Equity Funding Corp. of America in 1973. No dreary spectacles like the energy shortages of 1974 and 1979.

Away from the world of finance, there were the shocks of the attempted assassinations of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II. But neither had more than brief effects on the markets.

The closest thing to a financial thunderbolt came in the very first week of the year, when a "sell everything" bulletin from investment adviser Joseph Granville touched off a drop in stock prices. Almost six months later, however, the severe declines Granville predicted have yet to materialize.

Approaching mid-year, the Dow Jones industrial average shows a modest 32.88-point gain since Dec. 31, and is still hovering around the 1,000 level it first challenged 15 years ago. In the past week, the widely recognized average of 30 blue chips dropped 3.31 to 992.87. The New York stock exchange composite index rose .42 to 76.97, and the American stock exchange market value index climbed 8.10 to 378.71.

Big board volume averaged 44.69 million shares a day, against 54.32 million the week before. If things looked stagnant on the surface, however, a closer look suggested that there was in fact quite a bit going on.

Within the stock market itself, noted Lee H. Idleman, director of research at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., there occurred "one of the most massive and startling reversals of leadership in modern times."

"The one-way surge into energy stocks leading up to a fourth-quarter 1980 peak has given way to an equally fierce stampede to avoid this sector," he said.

"On the other hand, the rise in anti-inflation (and anti-energy) stocks over the same time span has been nothing short of

spectacular. The oil stocks typically showed losses of 35 percent to 50 percent. Bank, insurance, and some electric utilities, at the same time, were racking up gains of 25 percent, 35 percent and more.

Gold, as high as \$875 an ounce in January 1980, sank into the 440's and erstwhile "gold bugs" defected in droves.

The much-discussed revolution in the nation's savings and investment establishment, meanwhile, proceeded apace. The country's biggest insurance company, Prudential, and the largest credit-card company, American Express, launched takeovers of large Wall Street firms — Bache Group and Fhearson Loeb Rhoades, respectively.

Caught in a squeeze created by high interest rates, savings institutions struggled to survive. Money-market mutual funds, which had grown from \$10 billion to \$74 billion in the past two years, attracted an additional \$50 billion from savers and investors — growing at a pace of about \$2 billion a week.

While all those things were changing, however, one part of the picture remained the same. The White House, Congress and the

Federal Reserve were engaged in a fierce struggle to set the economy on a more stable course, with the money markets showing scant enthusiasm for their efforts.

The stubborn high level of interest rates, and the unceasing skepticism of some prominent Wall Street forecasters, helped produce the most memorable quotation of the first half of 1981.

President Reagan, May 28: "I have never found Wall Street a source of good economic advice." People in the financial world, he added, look at the world "through a very narrow glass."

Such remarks, naturally, did not go unanswered. Peter G. Peterson, chairman of Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb, recalled in a speech he gave on Thursday night, "the last time a president accused Wall Street argue that 'the Street is not a message, but only a medium. The Street speaks only on tape — in prices and spreads — and these signals come from all over the world.' Blaming us for the implicit message may be rather like the familiar fat man blaming his obesity on the waiter."

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — The 50 percent fall in the share price of the French Total oil group since the end of 1980 is unjustified, but an increase in the price of oil products is vital for the French refining industry, Total managing director Rene Granier has said. French oil companies are critical of the French government for not allowing for the full rise in the dollars in fixing domestic prices, but Granier told shareholders he was also worried by the marked fall in oil product prices overseas caused by the oil glut.

WARSAW, (AFP) — Poland's oldest weekly newspaper, *Przedludzie*, a technical review, with a circulation of 100,000 has been off the street for two weeks because of a newsprint shortage, the daily *Zycie Warszawy* has reported. The report suggested that the tone of the review's articles, which are mainly economic, might have something to do with the shortage. The review has been published since 1866.

BONN, (AFP) — West Germany's gov-

ernment spokesman Kurt Becker has indirectly confirmed a split between Bonn and Ottawa over the creation of a World Bank subsidiary to recycle petro-dollars for the benefit of the Third World. He said that during talks between West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the question was discussed at length but that the two countries viewed the matter differently.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Iran is to sell oil to Colombia and will buy Colombian meat, sugar and other basic foodstuffs, under an agreement signed here the Iranian Pars news agency reported. The report did not detail the quantity of oil involved, but did say that the exact terms of the deal must be fixed within three months.

BONN, (AFP) — Rollei, the West German camera firm with a work force of 5,700, has declared bankruptcy with liabilities estimated last year at about \$10 million.

Run on dollar mounts in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, June 27 (R) — The Argentine peso, which has fallen by about two thirds against the dollar since a change of government at the end of March, continued plummeting and people trying to get dollars queued in the streets outside exchange houses.

Dealers said some exchange houses were selling dollars at up to 7,200 pesos each against an opening 6,000. Many houses had run out of dollar notes by midday Friday, morning the dollar was selling at 5,400 pesos.

On Monday the Argentine Central Bank said it would allow the financial rate for the peso — the rate for tourism, loans and international currency transfers — to float freely, fixed purely by market supply and demand.

Taipei, Holland to sign \$35m equipment deal

TAIPEI, June 27 (CNA) — Taiwan Power Company (Taipower) is set to sign an agreement with the Dutch firm Rijn-Schelde-Varolme within the week for the purchase of equipment suited to converting oil-fired power plants to coal-fired.

The equipment, which costs US\$35 million, will be delivered to the state-run utility before the end of next year. According to Z. Veldhoen, RSV managing director, the preliminary agreement for the sale was reached during the Republic of China's buying mission to Holland last March.

The company official also remarked that the Dutch sale of two submarines to Taiwan is proceeding without difficulties despite the recent reshuffling in the Dutch government. Veldhoen is currently leading a 19-member trade promotion group here for one week.

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	Supply and installation of computer	82/401/402.100		8.8.81

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Suzuki seeks to prune spending

TOKYO, June 27 (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is pressing for a cutback on once inviolable welfare programs and the government bureaucracy, as a fast ditch alternative to raising revenue.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and U.S. President Ronald Reagan, would slash the size and role of the central government.

Suzuki claims to be "staking my political life on administrative and financial reform," and promise full backing for the conclusions reached by the nine-member council organized last March.

Political observers say spending cutbacks are essential if Suzuki is to avoid imposing a heavy tax increase next year, a move that could be fatal to his ambition to retain leadership in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Toshiwo Doko, former president of the powerful Japan Federation of Economic Organizations (keidanren) and chairman of the ad hoc council, said it is the "last chance for Japan to carry out government reform before it comes down with industrialized nation malaise." The council's tentative proposals, which are to be formally submitted to Suzuki on July 10, have encountered a hostile reception from labor union and leftists, who oppose employment and welfare cutbacks, and from Suzuki's conservative colleagues, whose vote-getting power is tied to government subsidies for agriculture and public works projects.

Ichio Asakata, chairman of the Japan Socialist Party, said the business-dominated ad hoc council wants to "protect business, increase defense spending with money skimmed off from reform, and force sacrifices on the lives of the people." The council proposes that the number of

central government workers be cut by five percent, over the next five years. Local governments, with three million workers, will be asked to curb new hiring and plans to reduce the student-teacher ratio in Japan's crowded classrooms to 40-1 will probably be postponed.

It proposes an end to free medical aid to the aged, that local governments pay more for the national health program, tighter controls on child allowances, and a reduction of aid to private schools.

Proposals also call for holding public works spending to current levels, and postponing construction projects such as extending the high-speed "Bullet train" line, bridges between the main island of Honshu and Shikoku or a new airport at Osaka, Japan's third largest city. The rice subsidy system, a durable bond between the LDP and farmers has produced much overpriced rice, the council contends.

It says the number of executives in government corporations should be slashed, and that public bodies such as the Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation and the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation should be taken over to private enterprise.

In conjunction with the council's recommendations, the finance ministry has told other government agencies that there should be zero budgetary growth in fiscal 1982. One exception is the military, which was allowed a 7.5 percent increase.

Panel instituted to fight dumping

THE HAGUE, June 27 (R) — The world's main consumers grouping has said it was setting up a new body to fight the dumping of dangerous products in the Third World. The watchdog body would be based in Penang, Malaysia, the International Organization of Consumers Unions (IOCU) announced Friday at the end of a congress in The Hague.

"It will focus attention on the dumping of hazardous products, technologies and waste into Third World countries," IOCU said. The Dutch government pledged 100,000 guilders (\$40,000) toward the new body during the five-day congress.

IOCU President Anwar Fazal said many pharmaceutical products which were banned or restricted in industrialized countries were being sold in developing countries, where controls were less stringent. The IOCU groups some 111 consumer associations in about 50 nations. During its congress it also decided to set up a body to monitor the activities of multinational companies.

Gold's glitter diminishes

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP) — The glitter of gold is diminishing, and investors are running away from a metal that is about half as precious as it was 18 months ago.

"Gold," laments Jack Boyd, a metals analyst for Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., "just is not popular in the public mind."

The New York price of gold, which hit \$875 an ounce on Jan. 21, 1980, slid to \$441.20 on Friday, a drop of \$18.20 this week. The price marked a decline of more than \$100 an ounce in the last three months.

The fall of gold, which is now at its lowest price since December 1979, has come despite high international tensions of the type that a year ago could be depended upon to send the price of gold soaring.

When Israel bombed an Iraqi nuclear research center this month, the expected rally in gold lasted for only part of one day. Heightened fears this week of Soviet intervention in Poland did nothing to halt the price slide.

Many reasons are offered for gold's drop from investor favor, including high U.S. interest rates and the rising dollar, which has scored significant gains this year against all major currencies. But at the heart of the issue is a lessening of fears about inflation.

At ministerial level GATT urges trade review

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 27 (AP) — A ministerial meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to discuss global trade was recommended by a high-level GATT consultative body Friday.

GATT Director General Arthur Dunkel of Switzerland told a news conference the object of the ministers conference — the first ministerial meeting since 1973 — would be to "consider... the overall condition of the trading system" and not to start a new round of global trade negotiations.

The recommendation came from the so-called consultative "Group of 18", formed within GATT in 1975 and composed of high officials in charge of trade policy from the United States, European Community, Japan and other industrialized countries, as well as

from communist and developing nations.

The group has no power of decision, and their proposal must be formally approved by the next annual meeting of the contracting parties of the agreement in Geneva in November. Such approval appeared a foregone conclusion.

Dunkel said the group proposed the meeting take place sometime next year and suggested the meeting be prepared by means of an analysis of the "issues confronting the trading system and of the trends and problems likely to emerge in the 1980s." A communique published after the two-day meeting said the group also agreed that "highest priority should continue to be given to the effective and faithful implementation of the (1979) Tokyo round agreements."

French oil firm strikes \$1b deals

VANCOUVER, June 27 (R) — The French government-owned oil company Elf Aquitaine and the Canada Development Corporation (CDC) have said they had agreed to two business deals which may involve the exchange of more than \$1 billion worth of assets.

CDC, which is 49 percent owned by the Canadian government, said it bought 45 percent of the stock in the French concern's subsidiary Aquitaine of Canada Friday for about \$650 million and would increase its holding to 75 percent later.

At the same time, a U.S. subsidiary of Elf Aquitaine, E.A. Development, said it had made a \$2.5 billion takeover bid for Texasgulf, a U.S. minerals and sulphur producer.

If the deal goes through, the French company says it will turn over Texasgulf's Canadian assets to CDC in exchange for CDC's

stock in the U.S. company.

In Stamford, Connecticut, a Texasgulf spokesman said E.A. Development's takeover bid was a complete surprise and that the company would not comment further until the affair had been studied.

Elf Aquitaine President Albin Chateaudin has never hidden the vital need for his company to establish a firm foothold in the United States. In the spring of 1980, the former French government headed by Prime Minister Raymond Barre opposed Elf's proposed takeover of the American oil and mining company Ker Macgee.

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange Rates, Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, SAMA, Cash, Transfer. Lists various currencies and their rates.

Avert N-S split, Trudeau says

LONDON, June 27 (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada ended a three-country European tour Friday with a call for wealthier nations to act quickly to help the Third World.

"To postpone the issue would be to signal to the Third World our procrastination and so sour the atmosphere between us," he told reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

The Canadian leader said failure to act quickly would give the Soviet bloc the opportunity to step in with offers of military aid to the developing nations. He talked earlier this

week with French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Trudeau will preside next month over a summit conference of seven major industrialized nations whose leaders have been meeting annually since 1974.

The meeting precedes a gathering in Mexico City this October of industrialized and developing countries to discuss so-called North-South issues, the sharing of wealth and technology between the largely industrialized northern hemisphere and the less affluent southern hemisphere.

U.S. grain sales to China may soar

PEKING, June 27 (R) — U.S. grain sales to China are likely to exceed eight million tons this year, about half of China's total imports, U.S. Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said Saturday.

Last year, the U.S. sold 6.1 million tons of grain to China.

Lyng said Chinese officials had assured him China would continue to be a major importer of U.S. agricultural products and that differences over Taiwan were irrelevant to such trade.

China produces about the same amount of grain as the U.S. Lyng said it was determined to improve efficiency, but as the Chinese also wanted to improve diets and to grow vegetables, this did not necessarily mean a fall in grain imports. As part of the campaign to improve diets, the U.S. is building a model bakery in Peking.

According to ministry figures from the start of this year, China also produced 318.22 million tons of grain in 1980, compared with 332 million tons in 1979.

India's jeep plant to receive IFC aid

WASHINGTON, June 27 (AP) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Friday that it is joining with a group of Indian financial institutions to help finance a \$132.9 million new engine plant in India for fuel-efficient vehicle engines.

IFC said the existing facilities of Mahindra and Mahindra (M and M), a major producer of tractors, jeeps and light commercial vehicles in India, also will be expanded and modernized.

Foreign exchange financing includes a \$15 million loan by IFC and proposed loans of \$5.7 million from the Export Credit Guarantee Department of the United Kingdom and \$6.2 million from the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation. IFC is the World Bank affiliate that promotes the growth of productive private enterprise in developing countries.

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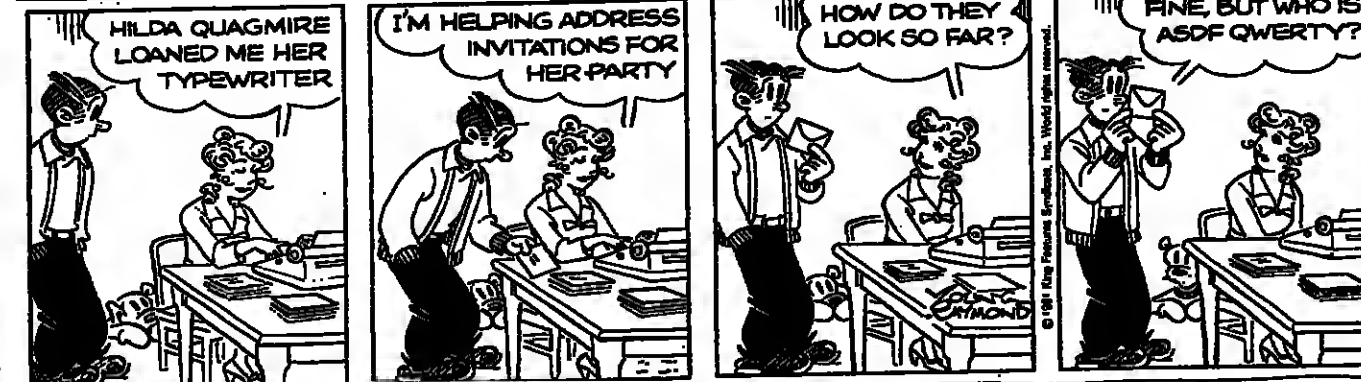
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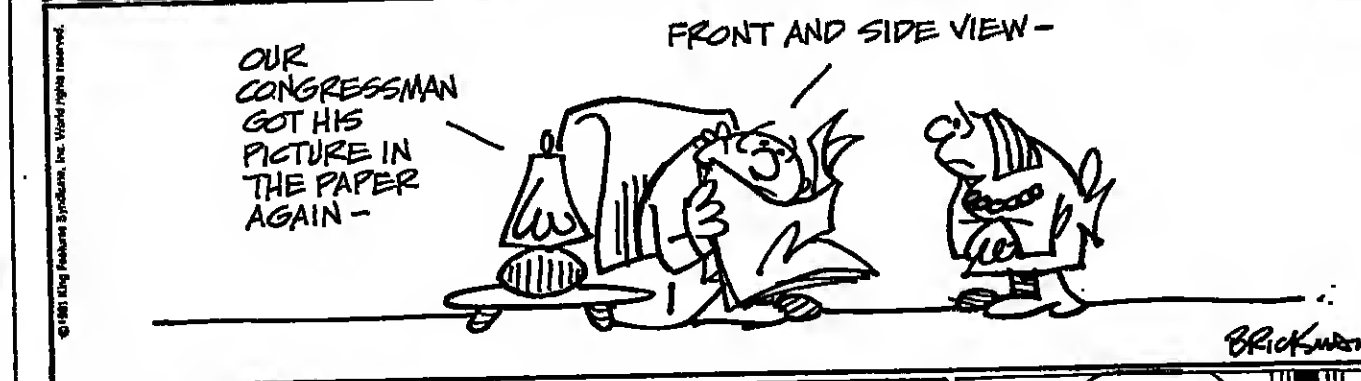
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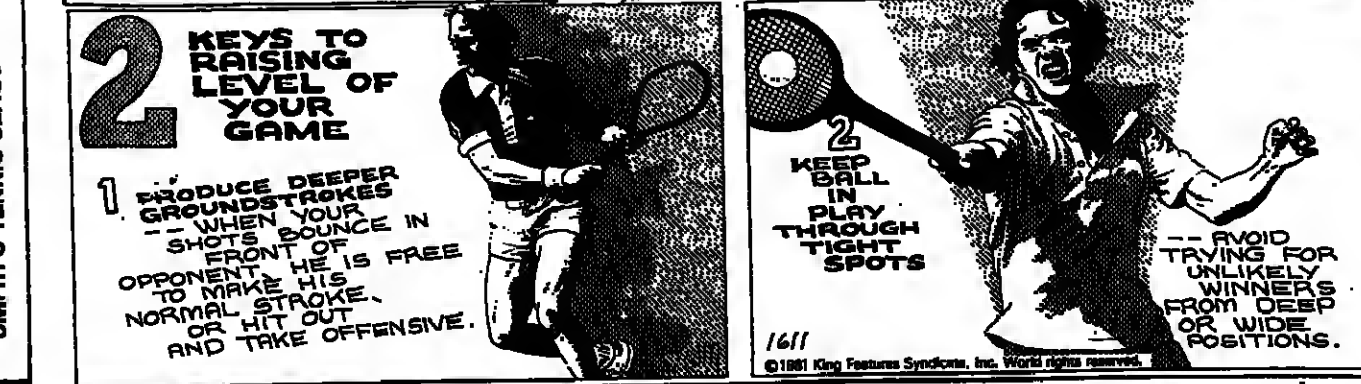
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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1981 What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Though expenses may be heavy now, you still may meet with a financial opportunity by day's end. Home life affords great satisfaction. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may be feeling under par as the day begins. Later, your energy perks up. Financial gains go well and shopping trips are favored. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may not make much headway with unfinished tasks. You need a better system. Evening hours favor private romantic get-togethers. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some friends may get on your nerves. However, social life improves around dinner time. You may meet with romantic opportunity. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Confusion about a career matter clears up towards evening. A friend's advice clarifies matters. Others want to help. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Travelers may meet with some delay. Join friends at a movie or cultural event. Affection comes your way from distance. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Business affairs may be complicated, but a talk with an adviser should prove helpful. A higher-up is favorably disposed toward you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Something may be bothering a close friend, which in turn affects your relationship. Be a supportive listener. Others require it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Too much socializing can affect your health. It's time to rest and recoup energy. La evening accents partnership affairs. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A business concern may inhibit your enjoyment of leisure activities. Throw worry and devote yours completely to a heart interest. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Domestic life seems best. Too much company may give you in need of a breather. Some fresh air and go towards nightfall. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Others do not see your point of view during the month. Later, you find the right way to express yourself. En creative pursuits.

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Army maneuvers reported

Romania supports Kania's programs

VIENNA, June 27 (Agencies) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu swung his full support behind embattled Polish party leader Stanislaw Kania...

with Poles, and said the elimination of faults and inconsistencies required action to be taken "with the greatest responsibility" for Poland's Socialist future...

Observers said Ceausescu's stand confirmed that, despite its economic problems, Romania was not prepared to join in any intervention, even verbal, against Polish "renewal."

Meanwhile, new Soviet-Polish military maneuvers in Upper Silesia were reported Friday but senior allied authorities said they had detected no alarming indicators of a Soviet intention to intervene.

However, British and other Western authorities said in London it will not be surprising if Poland's Communist partners are stepping up pressure for "counterrevolutionary reforms" before the Polish Communist Party Congress July 14 to 18.

Messages and letters to Warsaw from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria have all drawn attention to the dangers of runaway reforms at the congress.

"We entirely support the position expressed at the last central committee plenum by comrade Kania ... who defined the ways for the renewal of Poland, for the guarantee of the Socialist development of Poland," he said.

During the plenum Kania faced strong criticism from Polish hard liners in the wake of a letter sent by the Kremlin to the Warsaw leadership, warning against revisionism.

While pledging support for Kania, Ceausescu Friday confessed he was worried by "certain phenomena" in Poland, and voiced hopes that Poland would "overcome the present state of affairs as soon as possible ... under the guidance of the party."

Ceausescu affirmed his people's solidarity

Belfast gunman shoots at soldier in hospital

BELFAST, June 27 (AP) — A gunman slipped into a Belfast hospital Saturday and fired several shots at a British soldier guarding heart patients in an intensive care unit, police said.

ment complex before the outlawed guerrilla organization made its claim in a statement telephoned to Belfast news organizations.

A police spokesman said the man, identified as Vincent Robinson, was shot several times in the head. The "Provos" claimed Robinson was paid about \$12 a day and told police about guerrilla operations and arms dumps.

The almost exclusively Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic.

Police said IRA gunmen also wounded a school bus driver who is a part-time soldier in the predominantly Protestant Ulster Defense Regiment.

A police spokesman said a man wearing khaki clothes nudged open a door of the hospital's ward 5 unit for heart patients and fired several shots at the soldier who was on guard. The gunman escaped through the hospital's main gate and fled in a car hijacked earlier by armed men, the spokesman said.

"Once again this demonstrates the callousness of these evil men," said the police spokesman who did not want his named used. "Ward 5 is an intensive care unit for heart patients, and the terrorist showed total disregard for innocent lives."

Earlier, the Irish Republican Army's Provisional wing claimed to have killed a 29-year-old Roman Catholic man because he was an informer. British troops found the body in the garbage chute of a Belfast apart-



ROYAL RENDEZVOUS: A view of the beautiful little island of St. Stefan on the Adriatic coast where Britain's Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer will spend their honeymoon. They are to be married on July 29.

U.S. team to find grave of Titanic

WOODS HOLE, Massachusetts, June 27 (R) — Researchers financed by a Texas oil millionaire will set out Sunday on a new mission to find the ocean grave of the Titanic.

The same team last year took sonar photographs showing an image they thought was the hull of the British white star liner, which hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank on its maiden voyage in April 1912.

If last year's evidence is reinforced by sonar and magnetometer tests, television cameras will be lowered to the 12,000-foot ocean depth. The oceanographers, financed by Texan Jack Grimm, will sail to the area in a 165-foot research ship, the Gyre.

"We have 14 'maybe' targets, of which six are priority targets, two of high priority," said expedition leader Michael Harris of Tampa, Florida. "The only way we can prove it is to get down there with television cameras."

Japan agrees to set up air facility for America

TOKYO, June 27 (AFP) — Japan has agreed to set up an air and sea zone near Okinawa for the construction of an air dogfight training system for the United States.

According to the paper, an ACMI is scheduled to go into operation in South Korea in October next year, and another is planned in the Republic of China.

The United States asked for the zone at a June 10 to 12 working-level security talks in Honolulu. The ACMI is described as "indispensable" in the age of missiles.

Construction of an ACMI in Okinawa is

expected to cost more than 12,000 million yen (some \$54 million) and the United States said it would bear the cost, the Asahi said.

Japan and the United States are also expected to agree to start working out a plan for concerted operations to be implemented if an armed conflict on the Korean peninsula spread to Japan, Jiji press reported Saturday.

Quoting unnamed government sources, the news agency said that an accord was expected to be reached at the June 29 meeting in Washington between Omura and Weinberger.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

He said he loves his wife but she positively persecutes him. There's no other word for it, he kept saying. I don't think she hates me, mind you, but the persecution is there, no getting away from it.

Every blessed day, he said, he comes home from work dead tired, wanting nothing but dinner and a few minutes of television, then sleep in preparation for next day's work.

But every time he comes home it's the same. Gobble up your dinner and then rush out to the shops. If it's not ordinary shopping it's her wanting to buy a new dress and I simply must be there to pass judgment.

No use trying to argue her out of it. So I had to find a cure. Not easy, needing plenty of guts on my part. But you know me. Guts is my middle name. So I did it.

Next time she asked me to hurry with dinner so that we can go out — "a dress I found you simply must see", as she put it — I surprised her by jumping up enthusiastically. No moans and groans.

She kept looking at me suspiciously all the way to the shop mulling about a glint in my eye — I said I don't know what she means. Then we arrived at the shop and she went in to put the dress on. I waited, my bomb primed, for the right moment.

This came as she emerged to show me. I gasped admiringly and then let her have it. "Sweetheart," I said in my best French accent. "How lovely! But do you think your poor husband will like it..."

Game, set and match. From that day to this not one visit to the shops.

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

Abadan battle still unabated

NICOSIA, June 27 (AP) — The week-old escalated fighting near Abadan and artillery exchanges along other spots on the southern sector of the Iran-Iraq battlefield continued unabated, according to Iraqi and Iranian war communiques.

Iraq said in a communique broadcast by Baghdad radio Friday that its helicopter gunships attacked Iranian armor on the Abadan front on the edge of the Gulf, destroying three tanks, six military trucks and seven infantry emplacements.

Iranian communiques carried by the official Iranian news agency, Pars, said 43 Iraqi soldiers died on the Abadan front Friday.

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and it is certain that its benefits will be tangible for the Arab world.

On Saudi Arabian relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, Prince Fahd said that a "cloud had passed over des between the Kingdom and the PLO because of some reports on the part of certain papers that acted with enthusiasm and precipitation. I believe that my recent statement had dispelled any misunderstanding between the Kingdom and the PLO.

Prince Fahd spoke in detail about the Kingdom's stand towards the Lebanese crisis and the dimensions of Saudi Arabia's support to Lebanon. The salvation of Lebanon he said, is a great duty for every Arab country and for the nations that love peace and care for stability.

because of the repeated Israeli aggressions against it. To my view this is due to the dispersion of the Arab world. Moreover, dissensions among the various factions of the Lebanese people is an inciting factor for more Israeli adventures.

The Crown Prince added that the deteriorating situation in Lebanon equally affects Lebanon and the Arab nation. "Any positive development in Lebanon is in the interest of the Arabs and the opposite is true," he said that the enemy who attacks Lebanon is the enemy of the whole Arabs.

Prince Fahd called on Arab leaders to agree on a specific consensus, either over sending troops, interference, or mediating the crisis with all Lebanese factions. He felt assured that "when the Lebanese people feel an Arab consensus for the good of Lebanon, the Lebanese will also help solve the problem."

He said the efforts taken up by the Arab Follow Up Committee will continue, and that these efforts are a positive step for a solution to the Lebanese crisis. The Prince added that Saudi Arabia urges the continuation of the Committee's efforts for fruitful and convincing results, but he acknowledged that there has been no collective Arab policy toward the Lebanese crisis.

He expressed the hope that the doors are not slammed in the face of the Arab Committee "because its success will eventually project the Arabs in a unified front and prove to the Lebanese that the Arabs support their cause. Prince Fahd reiterated that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will not hesitate to help rebuild Lebanon. "It is painful to Saudi Arabia to see the Lebanese crisis persist for so many years. Lebanon is in danger

other field we need."

"Results will crystallize in the next few months and then we will judge these relations," the Prince said. Prince Fahd saw no change in the policy of the Israeli enemy which holding elections this month.

"All Israeli leaders agree on (Tel Aviv) expansionist policy though they may disagree on the means of implementing their aggression.

He added that the Kingdom believes in Arab armament integration and that the Arab nation is capable of becoming a self-sufficient in arms and as an international bloc.

Prince Fahd said that it is not easy for Western Europe to take a Middle Eastern initiative which contradicts U.S. policy. But he said that the "Arabs should encourage, rather than rise against, such an initiative because it does not commit, unless it favors our interests."

He said although the governments of the Arab Gulf cannot face Big Powers, "it is a matter of principle that we reject any protection from any Big Power."

Asked about the opinion on Brezhnev proposal for an international conference on the Middle East the Prince said it will be more fruitful when all Arab leaders take up the issue. He denied that the EEC envoy, Dutch Foreign Minister Dr. Van Der Klaauw had asked Saudi Arabia to exercise pressure on the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept compromise proposals for a settlement in the Middle East.

Prince Fahd reiterated that the call for Jihad, to which world Muslim leaders reacted favorably, does not only mean armed struggle. He said that the call he made last year was directed at the Muslim believer to develop himself spiritually to face worldly challenges.

Jihad is not a call aimed at fighting a religious creed, he said.

The Prince said the interest his government is taking in developing the Kingdom's nationals rests on the Islamic creed, because

Islam is a fundamental basis for our youth.

On the issue of oil prices, the Prince said that "the principle honored by Saudi Arabia is that oil is a substance that the entire world is in need of. Both the industrial nations and the Third World need it, despite the fact that the latter is unable to afford its price. So if we raise prices, we would be creating a crisis for the developing world, though we care for that Third World which needs the penny before the dollar. Industrial nations would not be strongly affected. Therefore, by endeavoring at OPEC discussions to bold down oil prices, we do it for the developing countries before anything else. We do that despite the fact that some people accuse us of not raising the price of oil to please America or Europe. Such countries are capable and ready to endure the increase, whatever big. We are simply keen to avoid problems with Third World countries in order not to disturb the balance of our friendship with them."

On the mission of U.S. envoy Philip Habib in the area, the Prince said that Saudi Arabia had not asked for the visit which came at Habib's initiative.

"We only welcomed him. The Kingdom has no part in the issue handled by Habib. Saudi Arabia does not work against Lebanon, nor against Syria. Our prime concern is the preservation of Lebanon's interest and Syria's interest, because both are sisterly countries. Our relations with Lebanon are very good, and ours with Syria are excellent. Contacts are useful with each and every country, except Israel, he said.

"It is prohibited for any Arab to contact or approach Israel. It is an aggressive state and has to realize that the Arab world will obtain its rights integrally, sooner or later. Our right is clear and well-known."

The Prince said the (AWACS) planes, leased by the Kingdom from the U.S. could not have detected the Israeli aircraft which raided the Iraqi nuclear center near Baghdad earlier this month.

He said the four planes were too few to cover the whole country. "Planes operating in the east of the Kingdom could not simultaneously cover the north or the west," he said.

The Prince was asked to comment on statements claiming that the Advanced Warning and Control System planes, leased from the U.S. last year, were giving information to the U.S. which in turn relays it to Israel. He was asked if Saudi Arabian technicians have authority or control over the planes and if that had detected the Israeli attack on Iraq but failed to inform the Saudi Arabian government about it.

"This is a very good question," Prince Fahd said. "We have leased these planes and would have liked to buy them. One of the most important conditions was that our own technicians should work in them in order to learn to operate their complex equipment. Naturally, there will be Americans working in them for as long as they are leased. Their companies provide the maintenance. But I can affirm that under no circumstances can the planes or those work-

ing in them give information to the enemy or information that is harmful to Arab countries. Our own technicians exercise tight supervision on all activities associated with the planes."

The planes limitations must be overcome by acquiring enough of them to cover the four corners of the Kingdom, he said. "This is going to happen after we buy the planes," he declared.

He said the government leased these planes and was paying exorbitant rates because it was eager to have Saudi Arabian personnel train on them and learn their operation. They will provide the information gathered to a purely Saudi Arabian leadership on the ground, he said.

"We shall not permit relaying any information to any state to be used against the Arab world even if we have to cancel the lease agreement," he said.

He called for unity and said that Saudi Arabia avoided any rude exchanges or controversies with other Arab states and appealed to those engaged in such conflicts to stop and make friends.

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